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## Warning to Argentina Velvet gloves hold iron fist -- Thatcher

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, opening an emergency debate in parliament Wednesday, repeated Britain's insistence on Argentine withdrawal from the Falkland Islands before any negotiations on their future sovereignty.

She said Britain will continue seek a diplomatic solution to the crisis brought on by Argentina's invasion of the South Atlantic chain April 2, but warned: "Our diplomacy is backed by strength. And we have the resolve to use that strength if necessary."

The prime minister told the House of Commons, recalled from recess, that six days of "complex, changing and difficult" short-diplomacy by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. had produced some prog-

## Soviets urged to keep off

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AFP) — White House staff member, Edwin Meese, indirectly warned the Soviet Union Wednesday against supplying Argentina with intelligence information over the location of a British task force headed for Falkland Islands.

The United States "would hope that the Soviets would not further complicate a very delicate situation" concerning the dispute between Britain and Argentina over the islands, Meese, President Ronald Reagan's counselor, said.

Meese, in an interview with the CBS TV network, was apparently alluding reports that Moscow was using satellites and intercept communications between British ships to tell Argentina of the positions of the British fleet.

Meese added that there was "considerable confusion" over the extent of U.S. aid to Britain in the crisis. The nature of that aid "will be cleared up in the course of the day," he added, saying "I'm not confirming anything."

He was referring to reports that Washington was using its satellites to allow British submarines to communicate with the task force, and to transmit weather reports.

## Seeks negotiated accord

## Iraq wants to end war

PARIS, April 14 (Agencies) — Iraq wants a negotiated settlement with Iran to end the 18-month war between the two countries, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein told World Islamic Congress representatives mediating in the conflict, the Iraqi News Agency, monitored in Paris, reported Wednesday.

The Iraqi president told the delegation, headed by Sri Lankan Transport and Religious Affairs Minister Muhammad Hanifa that Iraq "wants to end the war and start negotiations to establish a climate of cooperation and understanding."

The talks with Hussein followed Monday's meeting with Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hamadi when the delegation arrived from Tehran. The delegation is acting as mediator at the request of the World Islamic Congress, a separate body from the Organization of the Islamic conference. World Islamic Congress representatives briefed the Iraqi president on results of their talks with Iranian leaders.

## With Taipei

## Peking protests U.S. deal

PEKING, April 14 (R) — Communist China protested strongly to the United States Wednesday about the planned sale of military spare parts to Nationalist China (Taiwan), but held back from downgrading diplomatic ties as had seemed almost inevitable a short time ago.

In a note handed to the U.S. ambassador in Peking, the foreign ministry described the planned \$60 million sale as an act interfering with Communist China's sovereignty.

But it made clear Peking was accepting American assurances that the deal involved only spare parts and not weapons, and that

res, but Argentina was still demanding "some things which we could not consider because they flouted our basic principles."

She did not elaborate on this but added, "our objective... is that the people of the Falkland Islands shall be free to determine their own way of life and their own future." She said this could only be satisfied by a pull-out of Argentine forces. "Withdrawal of the invaders' troops must come first."

Mrs. Thatcher said in the British view, that meeting would be crucial. The prime minister, facing the gravest challenge of her political career was warmly received in Commons. After his speech, Michael Foot, leader of the opposition Labor Party, pledged continued support for her handling of the crisis — to loud cheers from legislators.

Mrs. Thatcher outlined her nation's military preparations, which she said "appears to have exerted influence in Argentina." She said Argentina has so far made no effort to challenge Britain's naval blockade of the Falklands. The Argentine Navy, she said, is concentrated outside the 200 nautical mile (370 km) war zone established by Britain on Monday.

In the meantime, she said, a British naval task force "is proceeding with all speed" toward the islands. She said it included two aircraft carriers, five destroyers, seven frigates, five assault ships and a number of support vessels.

"The composition of the force and the speed with which it was assembled and put to sea clearly demonstrate our determination," Mrs. Thatcher said.

The British domestic news agency Press Association, whose correspondent is on board the task force flagship HMS *Hermes*, reported a "council of war" was convened by top officers Tuesday on board another carrier, HMS *Invincible*. On the *Hermes*, marines and navy gunners practiced with live rounds, it said.

The navy disclosed Wednesday it was recommissioning the assault ship HMS *Intrepid*, currently in mothballs at the navy dockyard in Portsmouth. Also being pressed into service was the 18,146-ton Cunard line container ship *Atlantic Conveyor*, which was to carry some 20 Harrier vertical-takeoff jets.

Gen. Zahirnejad's remarks came two days after the Iraqi president suggested he might be willing to withdraw his troops if Iran would guarantee not to encroach on Iraqi territory.

"Since Ayatollah Khomeini has ordered the army to be a defensive one, Iran has no intention of invading any country," Gen. Zahirnejad said.

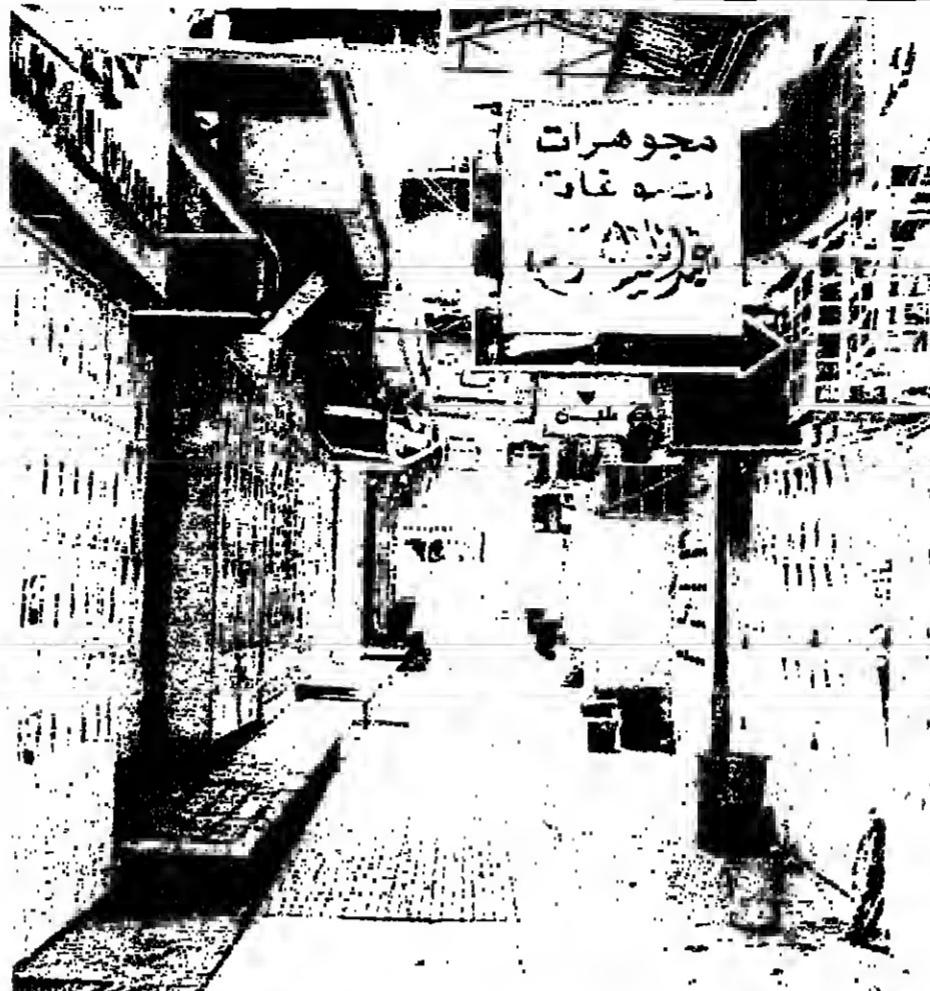
The Iranian commander said relations between the two warring neighbors would improve after an Iranian military success and the overthrow of the Iraqi president, whose he indicated was the main obstacle to a peaceful solution to the war.

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Normalization, some 30 years after the Communists won the civil war and drove the nationalists to Taipei brought with it a rapid flowering of economic, scientific and cultural cooperation. Sino-American trade last year totaled \$5.5 billion and U.S. capital and know-how seemed destined to play a key role in Communist state's rapid modernization program.

But this year the Communists began to attack the United States for its residual ties with Taipei, especially its sales of arms. Some Western diplomatic sources said that Deng Xiaoping, the powerful party vice-chairman, was having to take a firm line on Taipei to placate anti-American diehards in the leadership in order to push through his economic reforms.

Last month he was quoted as saying that the U.S. had left Communist China no room for maneuver on the issue.



STOPPAGE: The usually very busy jewelry market in Jeddah looks absolutely deserted Wednesday morning in answer to the call by King Khaled to halt all work in the Islamic world.

## Anti-Israel riots continue Gunshots injure 2 Arabs

TEL AVIV, April 14 (Agencies) — Israeli gunshots wounded two Arab demonstrators and 12 Israelis were injured by rocks Wednesday as anti-Israeli riots, sparked by the Israeli gun attack on the Al Aqsa and Omar Mosques, went into their fourth day.

The military command said a Palestinian in Hebron and another in Kalandia suffered bullet wounds when they hurled rocks at military vehicles. Two Israelis suffered medium injuries from rocks thrown at their car in Qalqilia in the West Bank, and six others were slightly hurt when their car hit a barrage of stones in the occupied Gaza Strip, the command claimed. Police reported four Israelis were injured by rock-throwers who had entered Jerusalem's Azhariya quarters.

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## Israel losing control, Yamani says

Riyadh, April 14 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani Wednesday declared that the Arab upheaval in the occupied land against the Zionist occupation and the treacherous assault on the Aqsa Mosque have proved to the world that Israel has lost control over the situation, after the heroic uprising succeeded in turning the strategic balance of Israel.

He said "the steadfastness of our brethren in the occupied land crystallized itself in braving the bullet and military might of the Israelis with pellets and the force of their faith."

## Filipino mission to explore market

By Habib Rahaman  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 14 — A 29-member Philippine trade and construction delegation is expected to arrive in Saudi Arabia April 22 on a five-day visit. The mission, led by Jose Leviste, deputy minister of trade and industry, will visit Riyadh, Doha and Jeddah for talks with businessmen and officials of chambers of commerce and industry.

Antonio Basilio, commercial counsellor at the Philippine Embassy here, told *Arab News* that the delegation will explore the market for garments, shoes, furniture, handicrafts, processed food and toys and construction materials.

He said a permanent exhibition center will be opened in Jeddah in June to promote Filipino goods. The Philippine government also is thinking of establishing trade houses in Riyadh, Dammam and Makkah. Creation of a Saudi-Philippine business council grouping prominent businessmen from both countries also is under the government's study. Saudi Arabia is the Philippines' third largest trading partner with bilateral trade touching \$823.3 million in 1980 compared to \$296.6 million in 1976.

During the period from 1976 to 1980, Filipino exports to the Kingdom registered a 24.4 percent rise, increasing from \$7.9 million to \$26.8 million. Goods exported include fresh bananas, pineapples, plywood, lumber, portland cement, electrical and electronic machinery, garments, handicrafts and furniture.

However, imports outstripped by far Filipino exports to Saudi Arabia. In 1980, crude oil imports stood at \$796.5 million compared to \$288.6 million in 1976, an increase of 19.5 percent. Trade deficit between the two countries reached to \$767.7 million in favor of Saudi Arabia from \$280.7 million in 1976.

Basilio said that 21 Filipino companies are operating in the Kingdom which are carrying out 65 projects worth about \$800 million. They include roads and bridges, sewage system, buildings, housing complexes, electricity and petrochemical projects. There are 150,000 Filipino workers in Saudi Arabia, according to Basilio.

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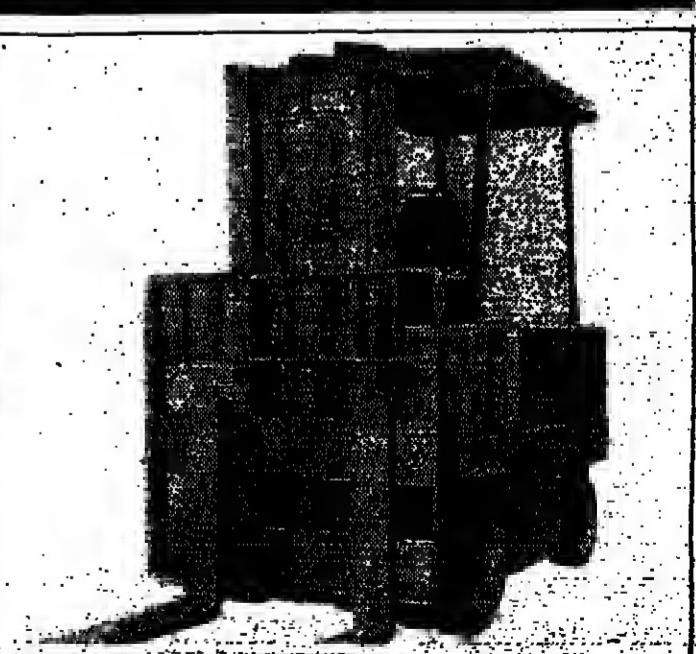
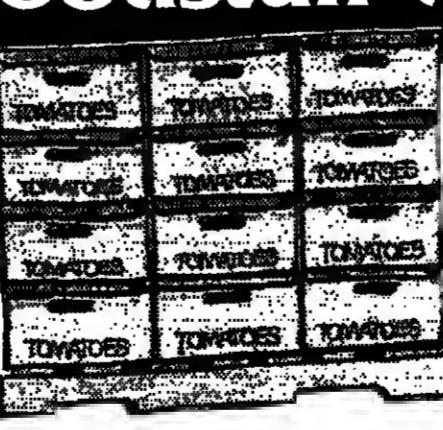
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## SR164m city sewage works commissioned

JEDDAH, April 14 (SPA) — Two contracts with a combined value of SR164 million were awarded by the Western Region Water and Sewage Authority here Tuesday night. The contracts, won by specialist companies, were signed by Makkah Governor Prince Majed, chairman of the authority.

Sheikh Fahd Al-Sulaiman, director general of the authority, stated that the first contract covers the remaining works on domestic sewage connections in Jeddah district at a cost of SR63 million. The work is expected to be completed over a period of two years.

The second contract will deal with the sewage works in Binalden and Mada'in Al-Fahd areas. The SR81 million project also will be completed within two years.

The contracts are part of a series approved by the authority last month. The commissioning of 14 major projects was endorsed at a total cost of SR4.5 billion to serve Jeddah, Makkah and Taif. A SR580 million contract was signed March 31 with a specialist company for implementing the Taif water and sewage purification plant project. The contract, to be implemented in three years, represented the first of three phases of an overall scheme for Taif at a total cost of SR3 billion. "Once these projects are completed, Taif will have been provided with all water and sewage networks," Sulaiman noted.

Under the SR4.5 billion plans, Jeddah also will have a 40,000-cubic-meter water treatment plant and sewage networks for the new Iskan Road at Kilo 13, Makkah Road.

## GCC technology panel urged

nuclear energy, natural sciences, space and vital technologies.

Quwaiz added that a group of experts have been entrusted with studying the possibility of establishing a joint Gulf technology authority. Such a study will survey scientific research equipment and advanced technological devices to determine complementary aspects among the GCC countries and concentrate on them, he said.

Other recommendations dealt with the transfer of technology and further cementing cooperation among the council's member states, in addition to considering the improvement of transfer conditions to cover administrative technologies. Quwaiz said that the meeting has proposed methods for developing technical personnel. "The proposals included possible introductions into school curricula to achieve such a development," he added.

The directors of research institutes and technology centers representing the six member states of the GCC began their deliberations here Monday. The session was held under a resolution by industry ministers during their last meeting in Riyadh. The GCC economic treaty also provides for encouraging close cooperation among the member states in transfer of technology and recommends the creation of a body to regulate and coordinate cooperation.

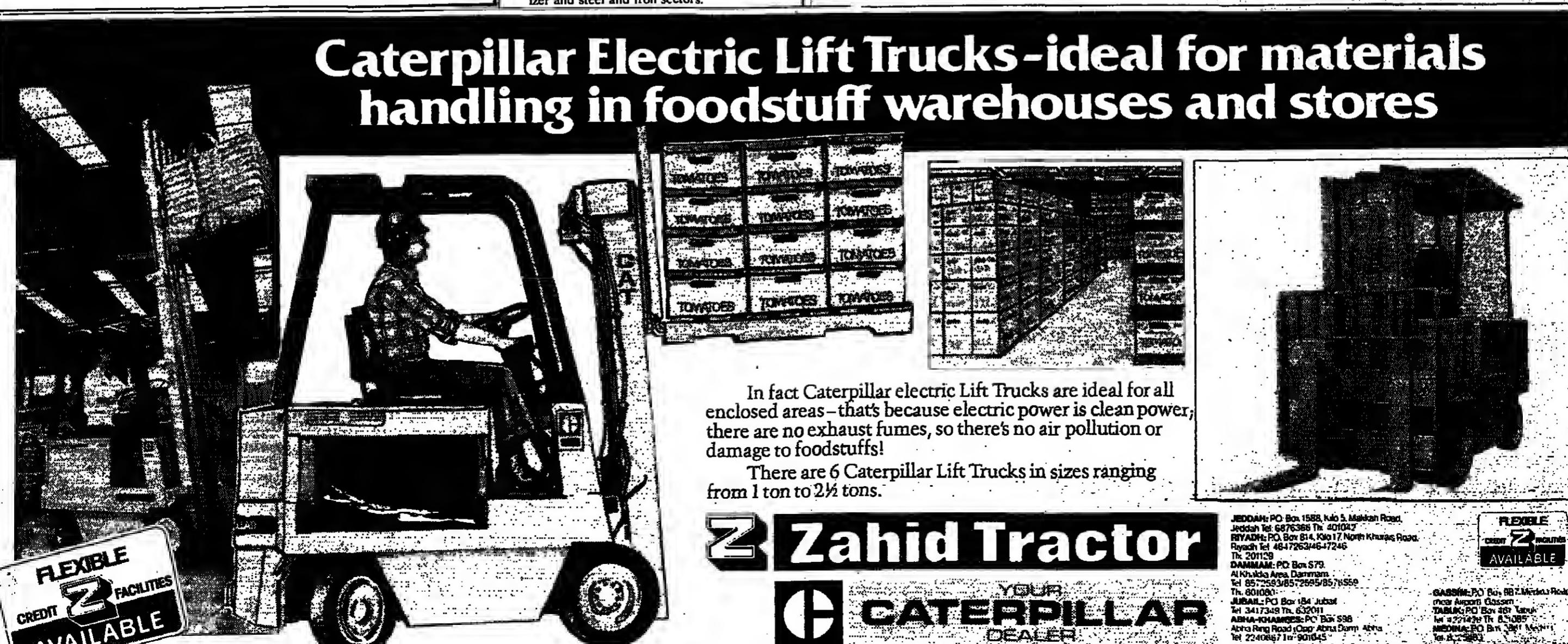
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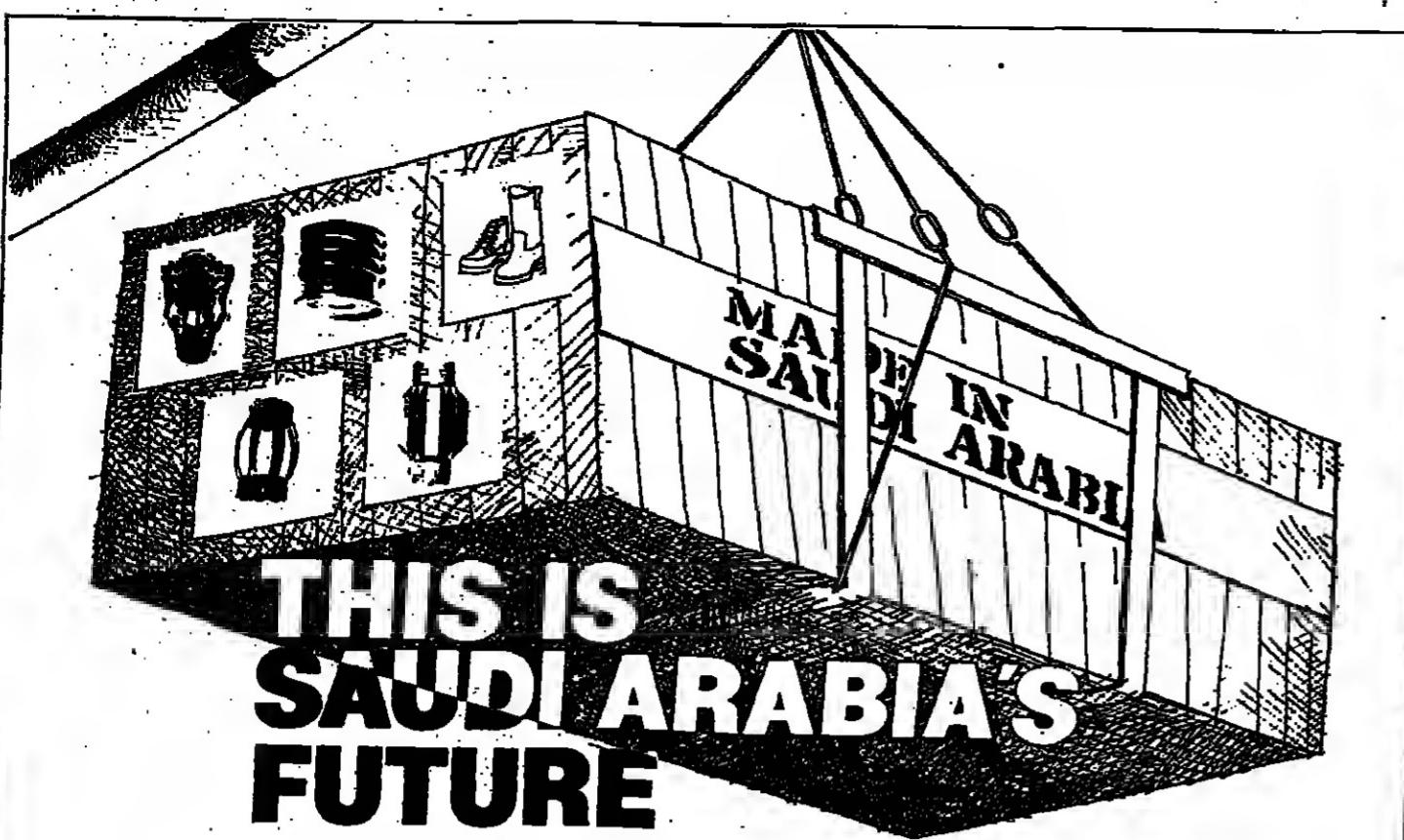
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Asr (Afternoon)	3:45	3:50	3:22	3:11	3:35	4:07
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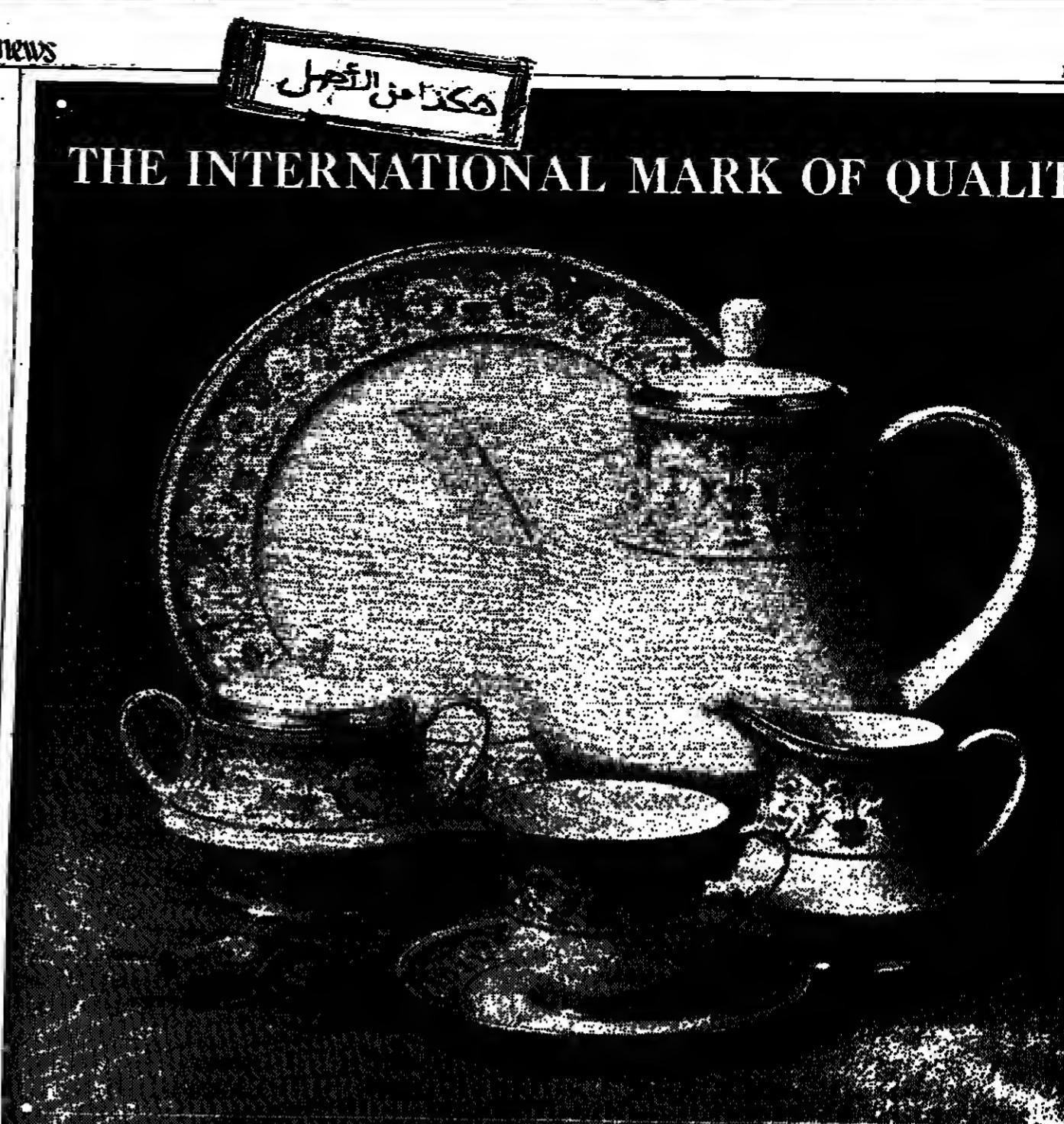


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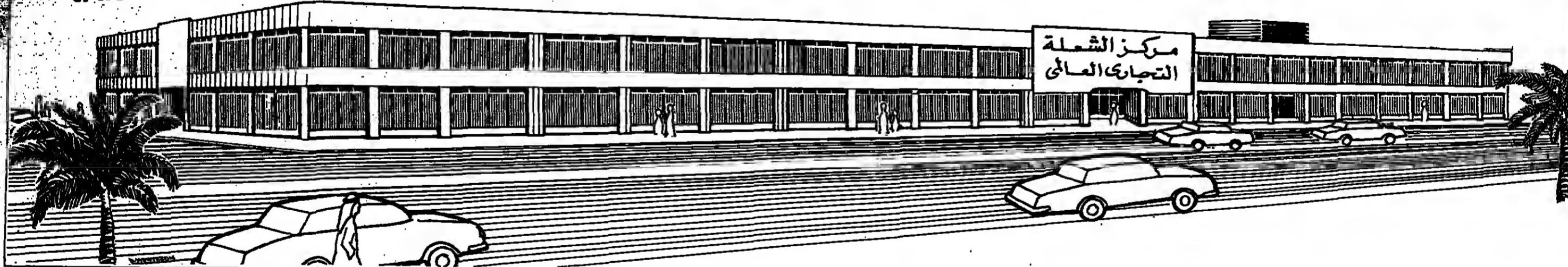
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## U.N. envoy, Dost ponder Afghan crisis solution

ISLAMABAD, April 14 (Agencies) — Special United Nations representative in Afghanistan Diego Cordovez who arrived in Kabul from Pakistan Tuesday, met with Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost. Radio Kabul, monitored here, reported.

Cordovez, on the second leg of a mission aimed at promoting a negotiated settlement of the Afghan crisis, was met at Kabul airport by senior foreign ministry officials and members of the United Nations mission in Afghanistan, the radio said. According to Radio Kabul, Cordovez's visit is in continuation of the process initiated by the new U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who twice visited Afghanistan last year as special U.N. envoy.

### Nigerian minister meets OAU chairman

NAIROBI, April 14 (AP) — Nigerian Foreign Minister Ishaya Audu conferred Wednesday with President Daniel Arap Moi, current chairman of the Organization of African Unity, on the divisive issue of Western Sahara.

The official Kenya News Agency said Audu passed on to Moi a special message from Nigerian President Shehu Shagari. The contents of the message were not disclosed, but it was believed to concern a special OAU meeting to be held April 22-24 in the Nigerian capital of Lagos.

The meeting, described as "informal" by diplomatic sources, is expected to try to resolve the controversy over the admission to the OAU of the Polisario Front. The Polisario has been fighting Morocco since 1976 for independence of Western Sahara.

Morocco has been pressing for a full, extraordinary summit of African heads of state to rule on the admission last February of the Polisario Front under the name Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic. OAU Secretary-General Edem Kodjo of Togo, in a surprise administrative decision, sealed a Polisario delegation as the 51st OAU member at a meeting of OAU foreign ministers in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Kodjo's decision has proved to be one of the most divisive in the OAU's 19-year history.

## Pakistan to build nuclear power unit at Chashma

ISLAMABAD, April 14 (AFP) — Pakistan is to go ahead with a nuclear power project at Chashma, with a generating capacity of 937 megawatts, almost 50 percent more than planned in an earlier project, official sources said Wednesday.

The project, costing over \$1,600 million, will be completed by mid-1988, they said. Chashma is some 250 km south of here. An original project, planned under executed former Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1976, called for a 500-megawatt nuclear complex including a fuel reprocessing plant from France.

The plan was abandoned owing to stiff opposition from the United States, which feared Pakistan might acquire the ability to detonate an atomic bomb. Former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing suspended the deal despite Pakistan's assurances that its nuclear program was geared at peaceful purposes. No details were given about the new set up.

### Danish premier seeks permission to meet Ecevit

COPENHAGEN, April 14 (AP) — Denmark has asked Turkish authorities to let Prime Minister Anker Jorgensen visit jailed politician Bulent Ecevit, an old friend, Danish and Turkish sources said Tuesday.

If Turkey were to allow the visit, Jorgensen would go as chairman of the Danish Social Democratic Party and not as prime minister of Denmark, an aide to the prime minister said. "There has been contact on the official level, but the prime minister himself so far is not involved," said Jorgensen's aide, who asked not to be identified.

A Turkish diplomat, who also requested anonymity, indicated that discussions are underway but added: "There is nothing official yet." He said, however, that he personally doubts permission would be granted for such a visit. "Ecevit's party does not exist" under martial law, the Turk said. "Such a meeting would be in the nature of political activity, which is forbidden."

Ecevit, a former prime minister, has been in trouble with Gen. Kenan Evren's military authorities for some time.

## Several die as militias clash in South Lebanon

BERJUT, April 14 (UPI) — Large-scale gun battles broke out Wednesday for the second successive day between rival factions in several towns and villages in South Lebanon, security sources said.

State-run Beirut radio said several persons were killed Tuesday and 15 injured in fighting between the Amal militia and various Lebanese nationalist and Palestinian groups.

It said fierce battles, involving heavy machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades, had caused extensive damage to property. The security sources said 16 houses were damaged in Wednesday's fighting at Ahdoun. Five persons were also injured.

Amal has clashed repeatedly with nationalist and Palestinian factions in the last three years because of a mixture of political disputes and local rivalries.

The latest fighting, the fiercest for sometime, broke out at a time of acute tension in South Lebanon with Palestinian commandos and their nationalist Lebanese allies on full alert for a possible attack by Israel. Beirut newspapers reported that the

clashes followed the murder Monday of an Amal military officer and his deputy near the port of Sidon, headquarters of the junta Palestinian Nationalist forces in South Lebanon.

Amal gunmen Tuesday blocked roads in the area with burning tires and clashed with nationalists and Palestinians, blaming them for the deaths. Fighting spread to Nabatiye and several villages.

In the meantime, the foreign ministers of Syria and Lebanon, Abd al-Halim Khaddam and Fuad Butros, met Wednesday near the Syrian border to discuss Middle East developments, bilateral relations and the Lebanese crisis. Lebanese newspapers quoted Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad as saying he was optimistic over a solution to the Lebanese crisis. "A solution is not impossible, but it needs the cooperation of all factions in Lebanon," he said.

Wednesday's meeting was at Shloura, east of Beirut, where the Syrian army has a major headquarters. Syria has had a 30,000-man peacekeeping force in Lebanon since it intervened to end the 1975-76 civil war.

## Sharon to visit Cairo today

CAIRO, April 14 (Agencies) — Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon comes to Cairo Thursday, presumably to confront Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak with allegations that Egypt has repeatedly violated the 1978 Camp David Peace Treaty.

Violations which Israel cites in threatening to cancel its April 25 withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula.

Sharon's trip was originally intended to iron out nagging contentions in the ultimate Israeli-Egyptian Sinai area of demarcation, centering on a tiny parcel of land at the Red Sea port of Eilat. But escalating Israeli allegations of Camp David violations by Egypt, and accompanying threats that Israel may back out of the Sinai evacuation, have lent an air of urgency to the trip.

Sharon himself reiterated the alleged violations Wednesday, charges he also made Tuesday in tandem with accusations by Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir that Cairo was moving toward closer ties with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Sources here say no official Israeli communication has ever reached Cairo in support of the Camp David violations. President

## Hussein returns home after talks in Kuwait, UAE

AMMAN, April 14 (AP) — King Hussein has returned home after a two-day trip to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates for talks with Gulf leaders on Middle Eastern issues and the war between Iran and Iraq. The king was accompanied by his Prime Minister Mudar Badran and his son Prince Abdullah.

The king agreed with the UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayun that Arab and Islamic countries should support the Palestinians in Israeli-occupied territories, a UAE government minister said in Abu Dhabi Tuesday. Rashid Abdullah, minister of state for foreign affairs, was quoted by the official Emirates News Agency as saying the two Arab leaders discussed the current situation in the Middle East. They discussed in particular the situation in the occupied territories where there has been renewed violence following Israeli shelling in the Al Aqsa and Omar mosques in which several persons were killed or injured.

King Hussein arrived in the UAE Tuesday after brief talks in Kuwait. Informed sources in Kuwait said the Jordanian monarch's talks dealt with the "Arab stand to consolidate Iraq" and with the situation in Jerusalem and occupied Arab territories.

## BRIEFS

KHARTOUM, (AP) — Eritrean fighters claimed Tuesday they killed or wounded over 3,000 Ethiopian troops in a weeklong battle that ended last Friday.

DACCA, (AP) — Gen. Muhammad Iskander Karim, special adviser to Bangladesh's new military ruler Gen. Hussain Muhammad Ershad, has been relieved of post, according to an announcement here Tuesday.

DAMASCUS, (AP) — Foreign Minister Sabitza Yaqub Khan of Pakistan will visit China beginning April 19 for four days, his first trip abroad since taking the post in March.

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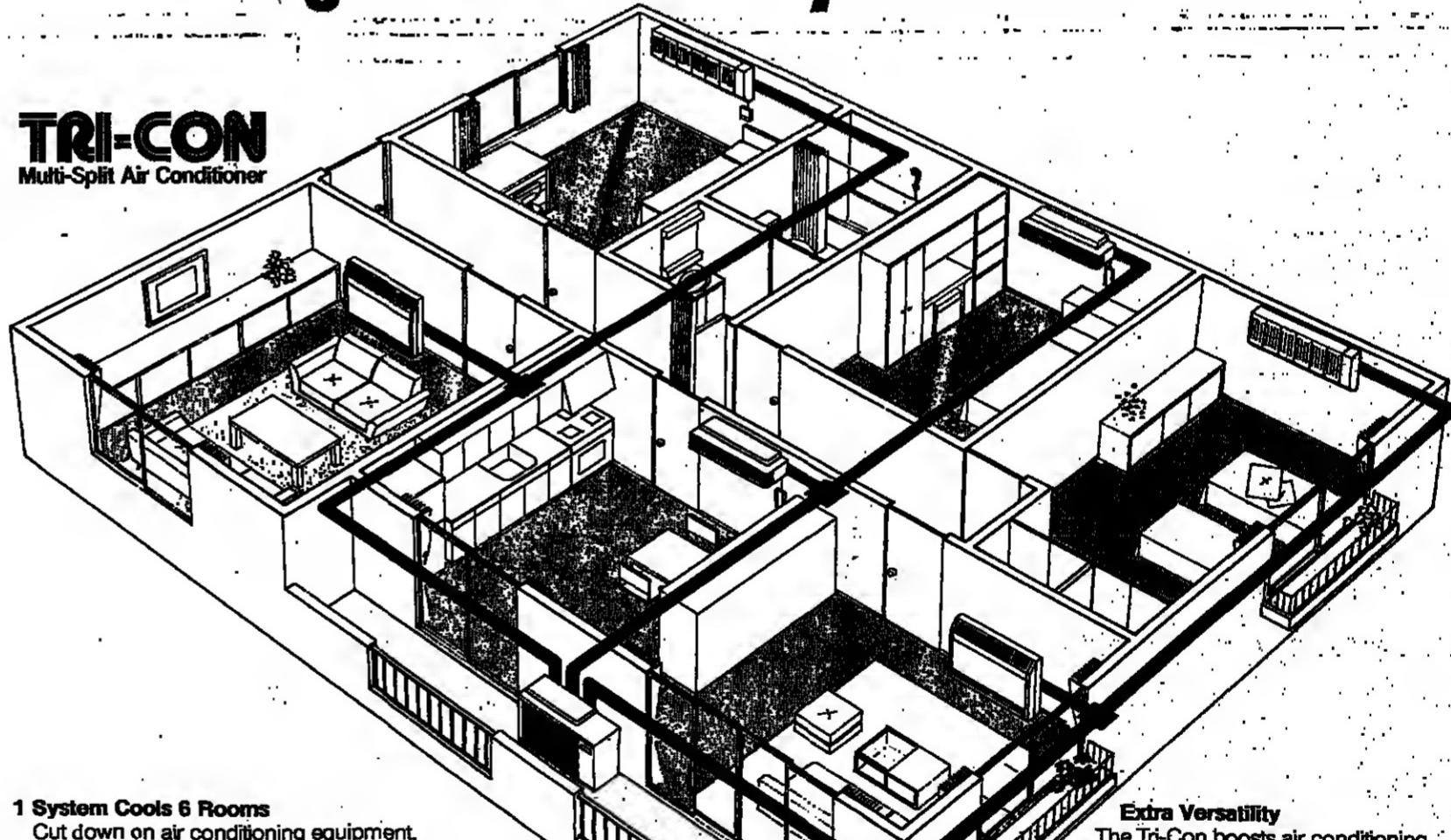
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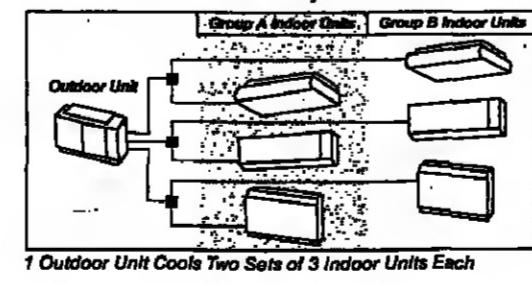
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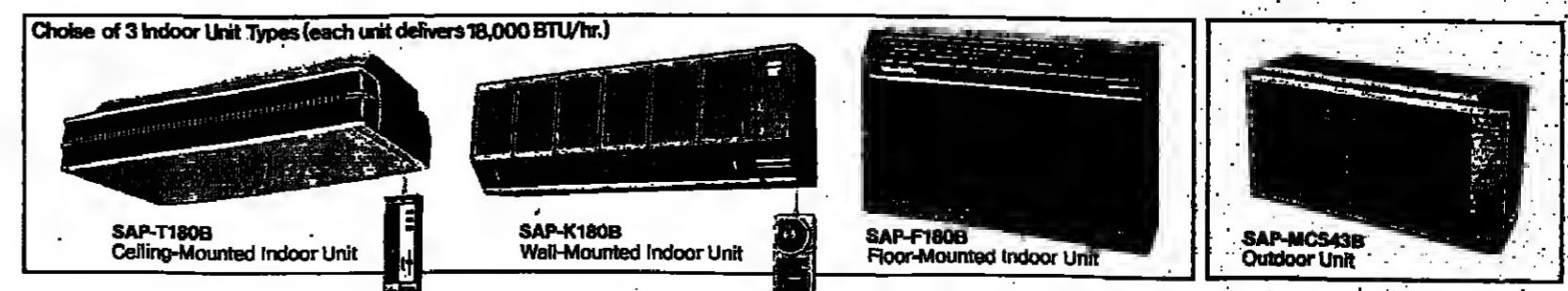


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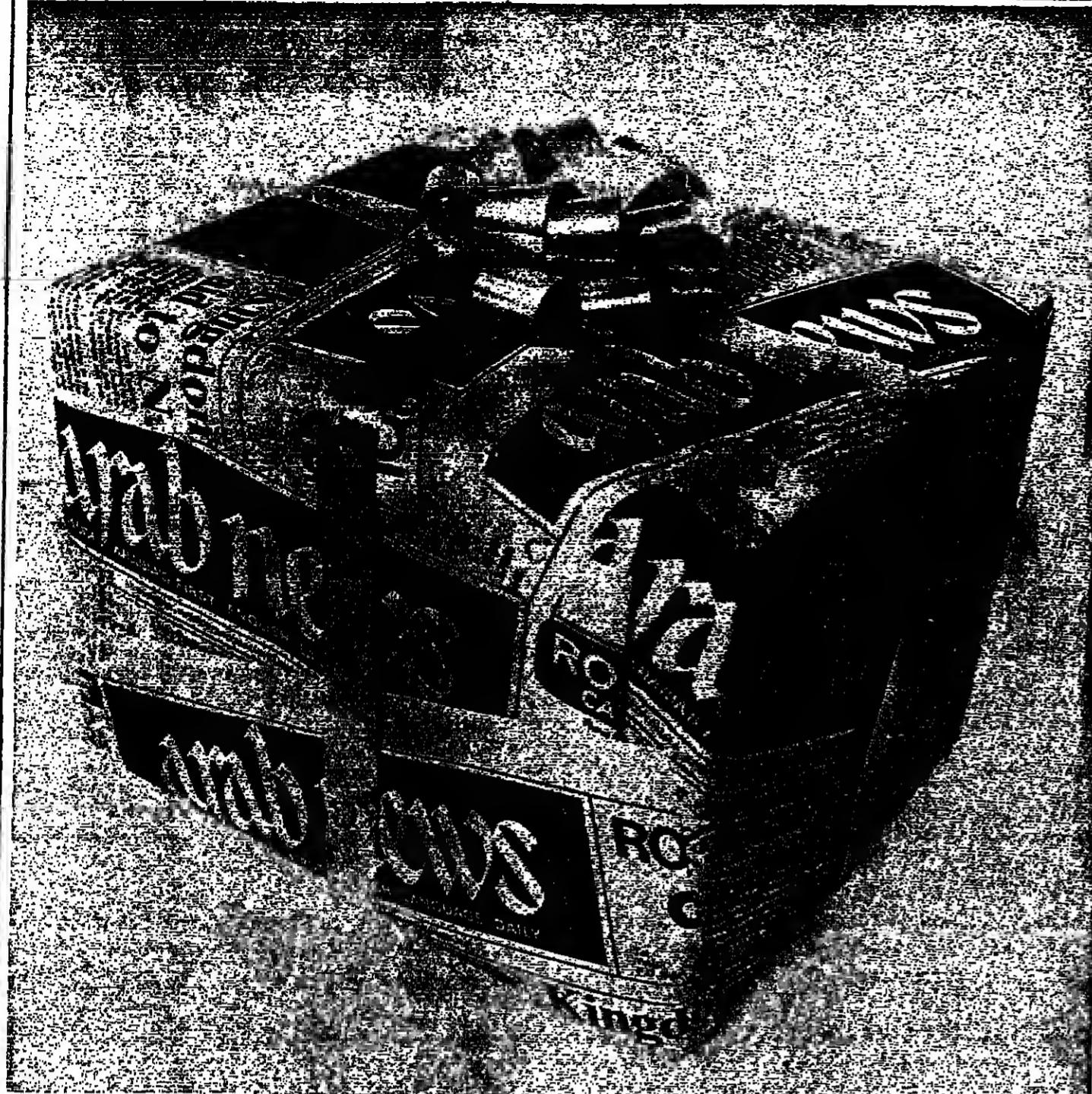
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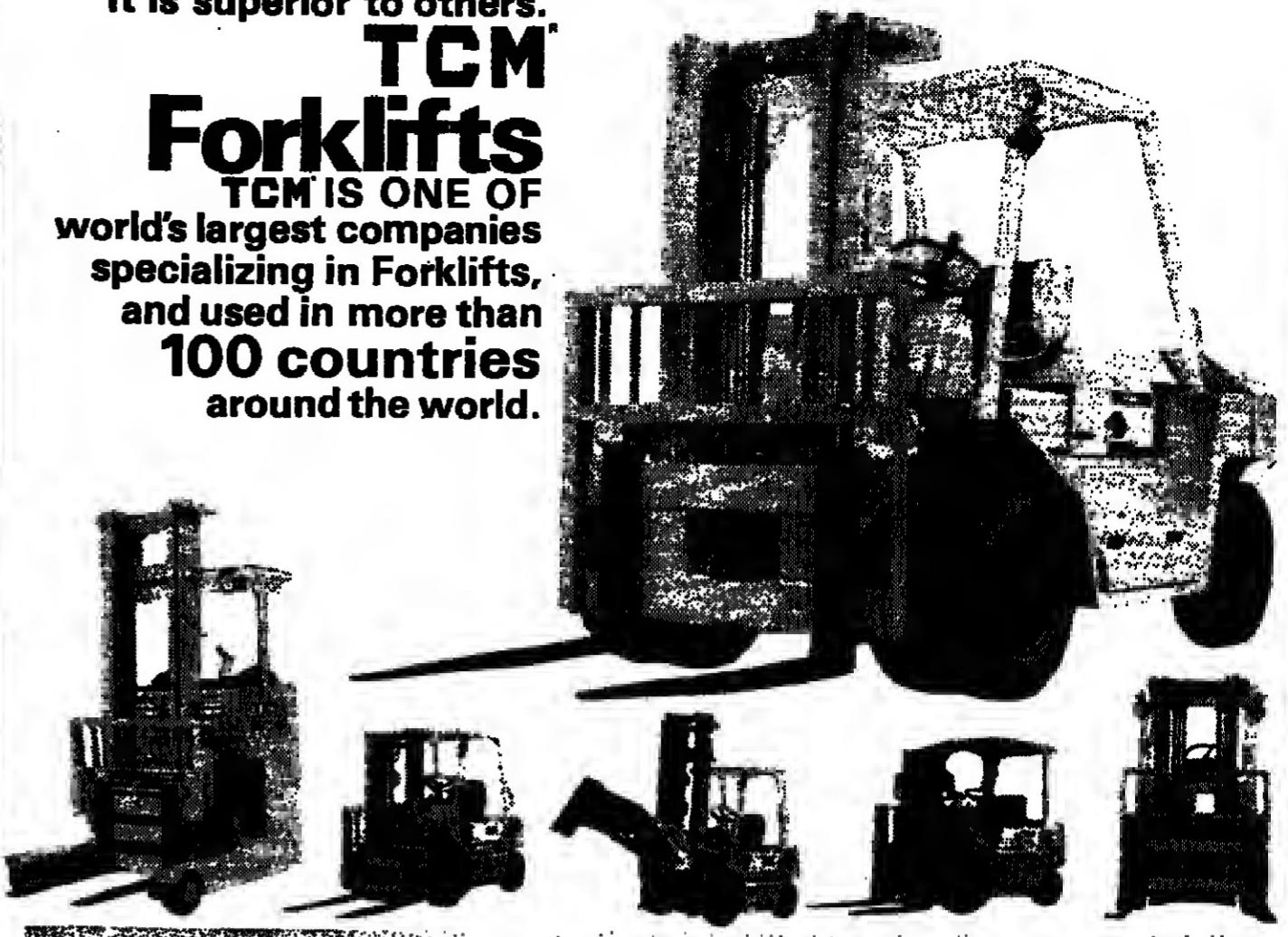


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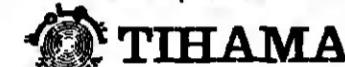
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## WIDESPREAD RESPONSE

Millions of Muslims in the Arab world and elsewhere responded yesterday to an appeal by King Khaled to suspend normal activities as a practical show of solidarity with the Palestinians in the occupied lands. It was also meant to highlight to the world at large the colonialist nature of Zionist occupation in Palestine and its suppressive methods.

The response was good and widespread from the villages of Africa to Srinagar in Kashmir, to Kuala Lumpur. Even if the response was not one hundred percent, at least it has brought to the notice of the world that a major crime is being committed in Palestine. It sought to show that Israeli actions in the occupied lands pose a serious risk to international peace and security, more so than in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Grenada. Incidentally, President Reagan spoke more about the tiny tabloid state of Grenada than he cared to speak up about the plight of millions of Arabs living under the Zionist yoke.

While Reagan and the U.S. government will continue to supply Israel with the arms, money, political and moral support that it needs to maintain its haughty and cruel control of the occupied territories, it will eventually be the responsibility of the Arabs and behind them the Islamic states to find a way of saving the Arabs in the occupied territories by actually liberating them from Zionist colonialism.

This will necessitate a regular national liberation struggle fed, financed and assisted by the members of the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Conference regardless of the consequences.

Before this is done, it might be more realistic to put our house in order, if this is possible. The Arab world is unfortunately, riddled with differences and divisions. Some of the major states are actually at war with each other or by proxy. Two of the largest armies in the immediate vicinity of Israel, Iraq's and Syria's are fighting each other through Iran. While the Iraqi armor has been wasted on the battlefield, much of Syria's weapons have been loaned to Iran. A similar situation prevails in North Africa where Algeria, Libya and Morocco are locked in a deadly conflict over a patch of desert.

Until some order and a sense of commitment return to some of the Arab states, it would be difficult to expect the Islamic states to commit themselves in any meaningful and tangible way to help liberate the occupied lands. The first step toward liberation must be taken quickly otherwise Israel will continue to do exactly as and perhaps even worse than it has been doing so far.

Hopefully, the ardent appeal by King Khaled will have served its purpose, as a symbol of solidarity and a warning of the gravity of the situation.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The Islamic world's solidarity with the Palestinians in response to King Khaled's call for steps to end Israeli terrorism was the major topic for editorial comment in Wednesday's newspapers.

*Al-Jazirah* said King Khaled's call to observe Wednesday as a solidarity day with the Palestinians "has once again confirmed the Kingdom's leading role in the Arab and Islamic world and its pledge to confront the Zionist enemy's plots in the region."

The paper said the call also stressed the paramount need to initiate measures for the realization of Arab unity. It praised the Kingdom's constructive role in support of Arab and Islamic causes and commitment to protect Palestinian legitimate rights.

*Al-Riyadah* said King Khaled's call should be interpreted as the Kingdom's firm stand toward Arab and Islamic causes, free from bargaining over the Arab cause in the name of liberation and struggle.

The paper hailed King Khaled's distinguished contribution toward the vital issue of the Arab world and the Kingdom's role in rallying international support for the Arab cause.

*Al-Nadwa* strongly condemned the aggressive Israeli practices in the occupied Arab lands and Zionist attempts to desecrate Islamic shrines in Jerusalem.

The paper defended the Palestinians' courageous defense of the holy places in the occupied Arab territories and exalted the Arab and Muslim rejection of Israeli practices in the region.

*Al-Bilad* expressed hope that King Khaled's call would materialize into an Islamic-Arab action in support of the Palestinian Mujahideen (freedom fighters). It said the call has greatly helped in exposing "the attempts of certain quarters to distort history andredit the whole Arab nation."

*Al-Madinah* stressed that the positive response shown by Islamic leaders to King Khaled's call has demonstrated the worldwide respect enjoyed by the Kingdom.

*Olkaz* said Wednesday's protests against Israeli attempts to desecrate holy shrines in Jerusalem had shown the Islamic world's keenness to preserve its holy shrines. The paper urged the Muslims to counter the repeated malicious acts of the Israelis. (ONS)

## Carlos hunting for French interior minister

By Paul Webster

PARIS —

With the international terrorist Carlos threatening to kill him, France's interior minister, Gaston Defferre, aged 71, is again at the center of political tension in France.

The one-time resistance leader whose ministry is in charge of antiterrorism has ordered a tightening of security on all members of the government after revealing that Carlos' deadline expired two weeks ago, only a few hours before a bomb went off in the Paris-Toulouse express, killing five persons.

A direct link has been established between Carlos and the violent National Front for the Liberation of Corsica — the FLNC.

According to police, two terrorists arrested in Paris in February were supplied with a stolen car and explosives by the Corsicans for a wave of bombings in the capital. Carlos, whose real name is Illich Ramirez Sanchez, has demanded the release of his "two friends," a West German, Magdalena Kaupp, 34, and a Swiss, Bruno Breguet, 31, both with violent records. In a personal letter to Defferre he has said he will take reprisals against the minister and other members of the government if they are not released.

As the West German secret service says Carlos — a Venezuelan who has carried out some of the most spectacular terrorist operations of recent years — is in overall command of European terrorist coordination. Defferre might feel secretly flattered that the man he calls "the world's Number One terrorist" has him in his sights.

But Defferre has been making headlines since his appointment in June without the need for any such dubious publicity. As mayor of Marseilles and former head of the procommunist Socialist Party while in opposition, Defferre was offered a choice of ministries by President Mitterrand. He took the most controversial with its responsibility for local government, the police and the internal secret services.

As leader of the Brutus network in occupied France during the war, the veteran lawyer was also underground organizer for the Socialist Party. He is a man who attracts trouble, but also survives it. During his controversial 10 months in office, his police chiefs have dubbed him Gaston Lagaffe after a French cartoon character renowned for his troubleshooting.

Defferre caused relations with Spain to cool after publicly refusing to cooperate on anti-Basque terrorism just before talks were to take place in Madrid. This was partly due to lack of confidence in his own police force, who he derided as incompetents and racists in a long-running row. While riding the police of several police chiefs whom he accused of working for the extreme right-wing, he has also purged the internal intelligence service, the DST.

Defferre has been at the center of several embarrassing rows, notably after he accused the Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac of underworld links — a charge which led to the minister losing a libel action. Behind his excesses is said to be a determination to clean up crime in Marseilles, where he suspects Gaullist links.

Defferre's accident proneness is not helped by his habit of losing his glasses, forcing him to speak off the cuff. However there has been nothing haphazard about his main contribution to Socialist government. He was personally responsible for large-scale decentralization reforms, giving executive powers to local government for the first time.

Mitterrand gave him the go-ahead mainly because he admires Defferre's style, calling him a "man of character" and the "godfather of modern socialism." (ONS)

## Student uprising feared at Bir Zeit University

By Sue Masterman

AMMAN —

Bir Zeit Arab University is due to reopen on April 16 after a second period of closure by the Israeli military authorities. University principals fear it will soon be closed again. In the present explosive atmosphere on the West Bank, it has become a symbol of Palestinian resistance.

The university has now published its version of the events surrounding the two-month closure on Feb. 16. The statement paints a depressing picture of how clumsy conduct by the Israeli acted as a provocation to the Palestinians.

The conflict arose because the Israeli West Bank civil administrator, Menahem Milson, insisted on an Israeli civil inspector visiting the university, against all advice from the university administration, who forecast, correctly, that this would lead to protest demonstrations.

The university hedged for several weeks about an appointment for the inspector's visit. When he arrived without warning on Feb. 1 — the registered letter announcing his visit came four days later — the vice-president, Dr. Gaby Barakai, was unable

to see him and the inspector, Zion Gabai, would not see anyone else. Gabai said he would return on Feb. 15.

The university says that he subsequently arrived at the back entrance and purposely introduced himself to students as a civil administration inspector. The result was that by the time he had finished his meeting with Dr. Barakai a large-scale demonstration was taking place.

As he made his way back to his car, accompanied by Dr. Barakai, the going was rough, but the university denies he was beaten up or that students burned his cap. Shots were fired by Gabai's chauffeur but no one was injured.

The university then came under a state of siege. Israeli soldiers would let no one out. Students on the street were arrested. Students on the campus were told they could leave if they agreed to walk single-file past Gabai so that he could identify his assailants. The university was then told that to redress the insult, Gabai would visit the university again the next day. A staff and student meeting decided not to accept this solution. The same evening the military governor ordered the closure of the university for two months.

The university fears that the reopening will simply lead to a new attempt by the Israelis to try to force acceptance of a civil administrative inspection, and a further inevitable rebellion. What worries the university administration most is the growth of power of resistance groups on the campus. Israeli provocations, officials say, are grist to the mill of these groups.

Bir Zeit's academic and administrative leaders are adamant that the Israelis have no place on the campus. The university is affiliated with the Arab universities, and its qualifications, they say, are recognized as such.

The students are worried by the threat to their academic future. Some have already applied for places at other Arab universities. Those approaching the end of their studies are particularly embittered. All these factors make the task of the university staff more difficult.

"We can keep order on the campus if only the Israelis will let us," says Dr. Hanna Nasr, the university president, who has lived in exile in Jordan since being expelled by Israel eight years ago. (ONS)

## Reagan's Caribbean plan worries Puerto Rico

By Dan Connell

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico —

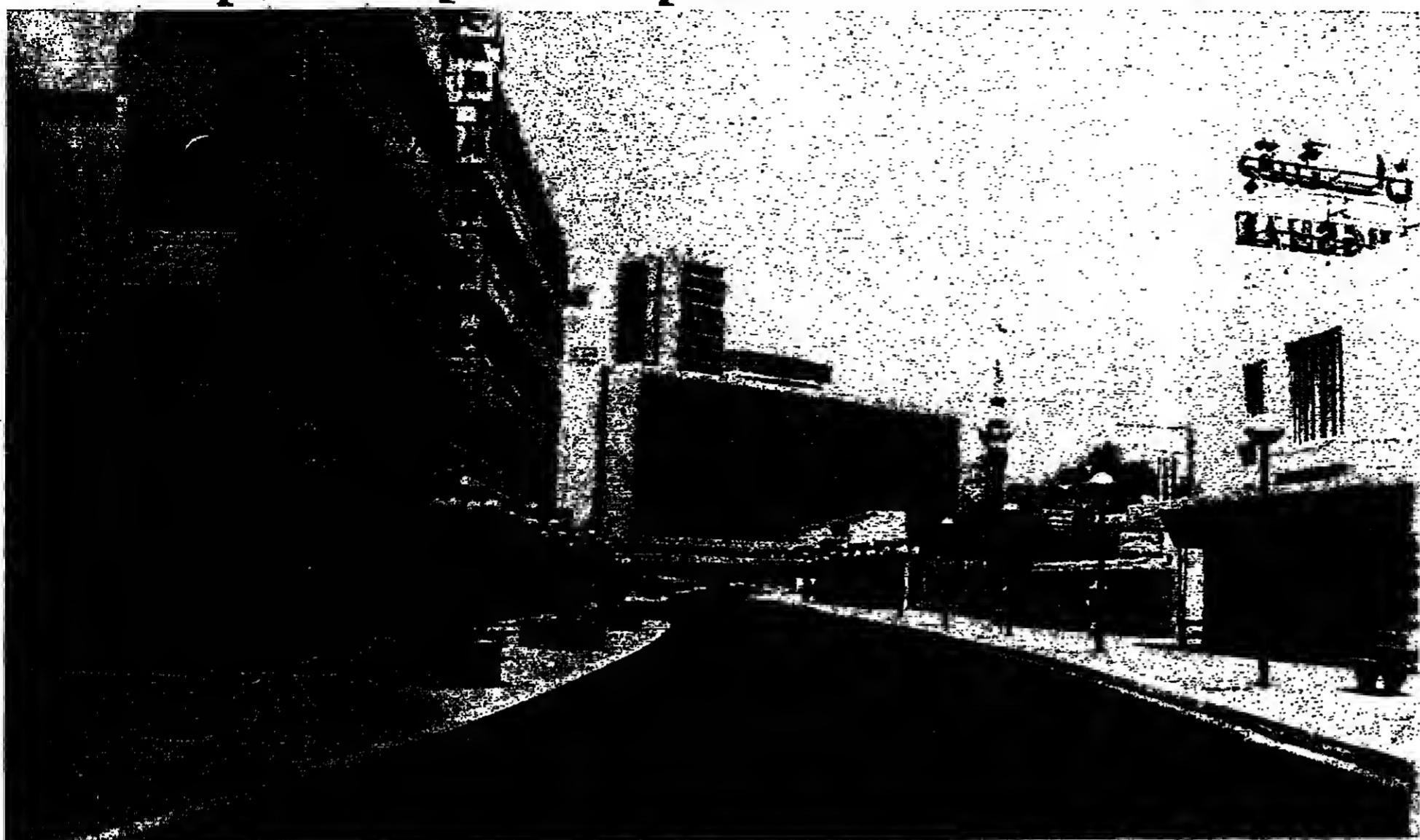
President Reagan's ambitious Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) proposing aid for the impoverished countries of the region is causing serious anxiety in America's own Caribbean territory, Puerto Rico. With unemployment here topping 30 percent and private investment falling, the Reagan administration's cutbacks in public sector jobs, municipal subsidies and social services threaten to plunge this island into a classic depression.

Puerto Rico is the model for the program of tax exemptions and reduced tariffs for corporations investing in the Caribbean countries but it is now likely to suffer a sharp competitive disadvantage against states like Haiti, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and Honduras.

The Caribbean Basin Initiative pulls the economic rug out from under us. We are afraid that Reagan is sacrificing us to his larger political goals," said Dr. Carmen Gautier, a regional development expert at the University of Puerto Rico.

The deepening economic malaise is also shown in the

# Palestine solidarity day, a common cause; widespread participation meant success



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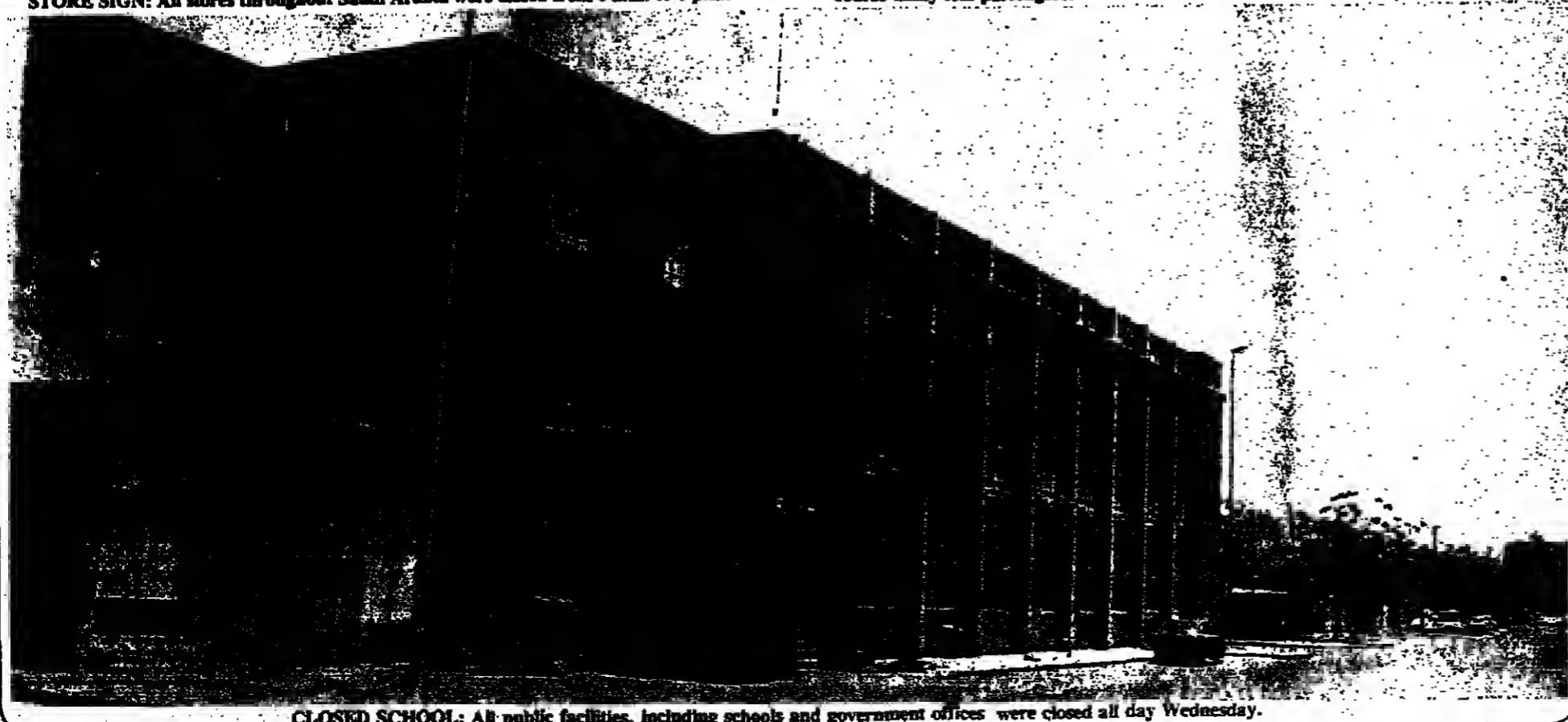


EMPTY SOUK: These photos show the main souk area with closed stores and only a few pedestrians passing through.



BUS STOP: Buses were on their Friday schedule with a less frequent schedule and of course many less passengers.

STORE SIGN: All stores throughout Saudi Arabia were closed from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.



CLOSED SCHOOL: All public facilities, including schools and government offices were closed all day Wednesday.

# Portugal, its former African colonies are thawing relations

By Richard Wallis

LISBON, (R) — Portugal is slowly carving a new role for itself in its former African colonies only seven years after some 700,000 refugees fled the crumbling colonial empire.

Gen. Antonio Ramalho Eanes plans a state visit to Angola, the first by a Portuguese president since the west African state became independent in the midst of war in 1975.

It will mark more than just a reconciliation with the former subjects who fought for 13 years against Portugal's colonial rule. As with his visit to Mozambique last November, President Eanes will also be the first head of state of a NATO country to go to one of the main areas of Soviet influence in Africa.

Much of the credit for the thaw in relations between Lisbon and its former colonies goes to President Eanes, who has long striven to win the confidence of the five Portuguese-speaking former African colonies.

Apart from Mozambique, he has already visited Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde. The other one is the tiny island republic of São Tomé and Príncipe off Gabon.

The president's Angolan trip shows how close he is to fulfilling his dream of seeing Portugal act as a bridge between the rest of Western Europe and the former Portuguese colonies.

One of those going with him to Luanda will be Portugal's Deputy Foreign Minister Leonardo Matias. Three days after the state visit ends on April 19, Matias will go to Brussels to discuss the possibility of trilateral cooperation with the European Common Market (EEC) in former Portuguese Africa.

Gaston Thorn, president of the EEC Commission, is due to discuss the issue here with President Eanes today — the eve of his departure for Angola. More detailed talks will follow on April 22 when Matias sees Edgar Pisani, the EEC commissioner for development, according to officials here.

A combination of factors has made this possible such a relatively short time after the trauma of the colonial wars and the exodus of the Portuguese settlers from Africa.

Symbolic gestures have helped heal the wounds between the two sides that for a long time only talked the language of war.

In September 1979, Gen. Eanes was the only Western head of state to go to Luanda for the funeral of Angola's first president, Agostino Neto. Angolan officials are still thanking him for it.

President Eanes' first act on arriving in Mozambique was to lay a wreath at a memor-

ial to the Frelimo guerrillas who died fighting the troops he and other Portuguese officers commanded during the colonial war. The leader of the Mozambican guerrillas, President Samora Machel, was given the sword of honor of the Portuguese army during the same visit.

Matias in a recent radio interview said that one of the main reasons why the ex-colonies were turning to Portugal again was disillusionment. The biggest problem appears to have been with East Bloc goods and advisers, paid for in precious hard currency, but not always suited to the needs of the former Portuguese territories, according to Matias.

The rediscovery of its former African markets has also helped Portugal's economy at a time of international recession that has badly hit the country's traditional clients.

Last year, Angola became the fourth largest market for Portuguese goods behind Britain, France and West Germany after having been the ninth in 1979 and 1980. Only France managed to sell Angola more than Portugal's 13.8 billion escudos (\$230 million) worth of exports in 1981.

The way for a boom in trade with the ex-colonies was cleared when the first right-wing Portuguese government since the 1974 revolution decided two years ago that it would quietly shelve outstanding compensation claims.

This has enabled Portuguese banks to open credit lines for four ex-colonies totaling \$325 million. For a country with a total foreign debt of \$10 billion, this is generous, but it is precisely because of Portugal's financial limitations, that the authorities are looking to richer partners, including the EEC, for help in expanding this market.

A growing number of Portuguese firms are being asked back to help boost agricultural output to pre-independence levels, sort out ports and communications problems and put the ex-colonies' fledgling industries back on their feet, but they find it hard to offer much needed credits.

The Lisbon government has also been sounding out Britain, West Germany, France and Sweden during the last seven months on the possibility of trilateral cooperation projects in the ex-colonies. This would involve bringing Portuguese firms in on development contracts awarded to — and financed by — these countries. The Portuguese contribution would be a cheap labor force that shares a common language with the locals and often has a long experience of working in Africa.

**Mercouri wants Greek art objects returned**

By Kerin Hopen

but swung round to the left in the course of a 40-year career.

"I was always proud of the family tradition, but it was Andreas Papandreou who really pushed me off the stage and into politics," she said in a recent interview to a Greek magazine.

Miss Mercouri won a record 3.5 billion drachmas (\$58 million) for the culture ministry in this year's budget for ambitious plans to bring the arts to Greece's provinces, provide backing for creative film-making and boost scientific and marine archeology.

Taking culture to the provinces by promoting artists' tours and setting up cultural centers in small towns and villages comes high on her list of priorities. It is also an important part of her party's decentralization policy.

"The arts belong to everyone and everyone should have access to them, not just an elite in Athens and Salónica," Miss Mercouri said. "In the past cultural policy hasn't met the needs of the people, we have make the quality of ordinary people's lives much better."

She has also started reorganizing the government-funded cinema center to give local directors of talent a free hand in quality film-making.

"You used to bankrupt your whole family getting the money to make a non-commercial film," Michael Koutoulis, one of the minister's advisers said. "Melina knows the problem well. There are good directors in Greece who desperately need support."

Behind the scenes, she is backed by her husband, American film director Jules Dassin, who sometimes appears at her side on official occasions but steers clear of the culture ministry.

S. Mercouri makes a point of inspecting ancient archeological sites herself. She toured the 4,000-year-old Minoan Palace of Knossos in Crete after reports the unique monument was in danger of collapse.

"It wasn't as bad as was feared," she said. "We're organizing an on-the-spot conservation team to carry out restoration work and will have to restrict tourists to special walkways in the future."

She is also pushing ahead with restoration work on the Acropolis temples and has ordered a clean up of parts of the 5th century B.C. fortification wall that once joined Athens with its port of Piraeus.

The culture ministry has earmarked 70 million drachmas (\$1.1 million) for Greece's first marine archeological center, to open by summer at a historic fortress overlooking the Bay of Navarino in southern Greece.

And she has reassured foreign archeologists that their work in Greece can continue.

Accused by some Socialist Party members of cultural colonialism, the dozen foreign archeological missions in Greece were worried that their century-old privilege of excavating here might be curtailed.

"The past is a universal heritage and the foreign schools' work is useful to us all," Miss Mercouri told the foreign correspondents. "But we are updating the law under which they operate to make sure that our antiquities are properly protected."

Nationwide job campaign launched

# Physical disability isolates 6 million Indians from mainstream of society

By Jagan Nath

**NEW DELHI**, (Depthnews) — Six million of the global total of more than 450 million disabled people are said to be Indians. The majority of them live in dire poverty and are virtually isolated from the mainstream of society by their physical misfortune.

But the time has long passed when national consciousness about the plight of the handicapped should be aroused. This is the message that the Amar Jyoti Trust is trying to bring across India to enlist public support for the disabled.

Run by a 30-year-old college lecturer, Dr. Uma Tuli, the Amar Jyoti Trust has launched a nationwide campaign to find jobs and artificial arms and legs for the handicapped.

"We are not asking for charity. What we need are jobs and artificial arms and legs for the handicapped," Dr. Tuli said, elaborating on the Trust's slogan of arms, not alms.

The main moving force behind the movement is Dr. P.K. Sethi, a Magsaysay Award winner, who is better known here as the "Jaipur Footman." The Amar Jyoti Trust has opened a workshop in New Delhi and since then hundreds of disabled people have been fitted with artificial arms and legs.

The organization is supported by the Delhi Development Agency, a government entity, Lions clubs, Rotary clubs and a large contingent of doctors. But the whole program, massive as it already is, has barely touched the surface of the problem.

As a United Nations expert said: "We reckon that almost 98 percent of the disabled are totally neglected. Indeed, their plight has deteriorated from what it was a quarter century ago."

Despite organized efforts to focus global attention on the plight of the handicapped, the International Year of the Disabled has failed to generate the public sympathy and support its organizers had envisioned.

In India, public attitude toward the disabled has been disappointing. Commenting on this, the mass-circulation *Indian Express*

stated: "Though it began with a bang, the Year of the Disabled has ended with barely an audible whimper. So little was done despite a move in Parliament to extend the Year."

Quoting its own survey, the *Indian Express* said that except for the South Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, progress toward alleviating the plight of the disabled in the 11 other states is slow. Minimal results were reported in Rajasthan, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Haryana but the overall accomplishment was described as "gravely disappointing."

Public reaction to the government's program to help the disabled has ranged from apathy, cynicism to pure outrage. The most disappointed group was the National Federation of the Blind. The organization angrily charged that out of 7,000 members who applied for jobs, only 600 were accommodated through employment exchanges. Blind Indians alone number nine million.

Responding to mounting demands for greater assistance to the blind, the government agreed to grant a number of concessions to the disabled. For instance, 3 percent of job openings in the Class III and IV category will be reserved for the handicapped. Air travel concessions of up to 75 percent of the cost of a regular ticket are being offered to the disabled.

They will also be given a 10 percent concession allowance, and the handicapped will be given priority in the allocation of government houses. In addition, the government will appropriate money for the purchase of artificial limbs.

This year, the Ministry of Social Welfare will introduce a bill in Parliament covering a broad range of assistance to the handicapped.

The senior ministry official said: "The problem is that we do not have reliable statistics

on the number of the disabled and the extent of the problem. We only have figures from the 1981 statistics showing that more than one million people are totally disabled. That's not much of a statistic to go by."

Admittedly, the number of partially disabled is much higher than the totally disabled.

The government's aim is to eradicate leprosy by the year 2000. Right now, the number of leprosy patients is a staggering four million.

One of the major health programs of the government is the eradication of leprosy and the rehabilitation of polio victims. Health authorities claim that the program will cover two million children in 1981-82 and about 14 million by the end of 1983.

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Enabled. To determine the extent of the problem, the government will conduct a survey of the situation in preparation to launching a comprehensive rehabilitation program.

But the government's track record leaves much to be desired. Critics point out that India has failed to meet earlier targets. As of July 1981, only 43 mobile units were acquired to help the disabled as against a target of 80.

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TAXI FOR THE DISABLED: This newly designed British taxi sets higher standards of comfort and convenience for the disabled. Here race driver Stirling Moss assists a disabled person out of the cab using a special portable ramp fitted to each vehicle. The passenger area is roomy and allows access for the average wheelchair.

## Soviets created nuclear catastrophe due to their carelessness, disregard

By Philip J. Hilts

**LOS ANGELES (WP)** — Scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory have worked out a new solution to the two-decades-old mystery of the Soviet Union's "Kyshtym nuclear disaster" in which many square miles of central Russia were devastated by nuclear radiation and left blackened and devoid of people, trees, and plants.

The most widely accepted explanation of the event was put forward in the 1970s in books and articles by Soviet exile Zhores Medvedev, who said that in 1958 carelessly stored nuclear wastes accidentally fissioned and exploded like a small nuclear bomb, contaminating scores of miles around Sverdlovsk and Chelyabinsk. Apparently hundreds were killed, the Russians had to burn villages to the ground, and the vegetation of the area was destroyed.

The new explanation disputes the idea of a nuclear explosion, and attributes the disaster instead to extremely careless disposal of radioactive water and smoke in the area around a nuclear plant. It says there possibly was an ordinary chemical explosion as well that helped spread radioactive debris over the Russian countryside.

The incident is important in at least two ways, according to specialists in nuclear issues: first, to help understand how such a massive nuclear-waste disaster might have occurred.

red and to help understand the process of radioactive waste disposal; and, second, as an opportunity to measure the effect of radiation on plants and animals.

The new explanation, produced by chemist Diane M. Soran and physicist Dan Stillman at Los Alamos after a two-year study of both public and classified data, accepts much of the detail of Medvedev's description of the incident. Soran and Stillman, however, say the incident centered around the plutonium production plant at Kyshtym and was not a nuclear explosion.

The report — a sanitized 28-page version of a classified report that was three times as long — identified three sources of radiation that escaped into the landscape:

— Water used to cool the plutonium production reactor was pumped through the reactor core, picking up radiation, then pumped out into a cooling pond and from there directly into the chief river of the region, the Techa.

— Gas which was generated in the process of dissolving fuel elements to remove their plutonium apparently was sent directly out a smokestack while still laden with radioactive particles and other pollutants. An "acid rain" containing nitric acid and radioactive iodine probably was pumped out into the air of the region steadily for a decade, killing vegetation for miles around the plant.

— Liquid radioactive waste from the plant was not put into double-lined and sealed steel

tanks as is now done in the United States, but was simply poured out into a dry lake bed. From there it could have seeped into the Techa, into ground water, and later as dried residue could have been blown by the strong winds of the area over nearby villages.

The report also said that the storage of waste in open lake beds could have led to a dangerously flammable chemical combination — ammonium nitrate and hexane. If a chemical explosion occurred it would have spewed radioactive particles of dirt and clay for miles.

Eventually the destruction reached a point that the Soviets evacuated the area, and burned the contaminated huts of the peasants who had lived there to prevent people from returning home.

The area became so contaminated that after the evacuation Soviets used the region to train troops in dealing with biological and nuclear war.

The report said a nuclear detonation was not necessary to explain the Kyshtym disaster. "The Soviets managed to contaminate the Techa River Valley without any help from such a catastrophe... created a contaminated area near Kyshtym through carelessness and blatant disregard for their people or their surroundings... a record of the disastrous, long lasting effects man can wreak on his environment if he fails to take adequate steps to protect it."

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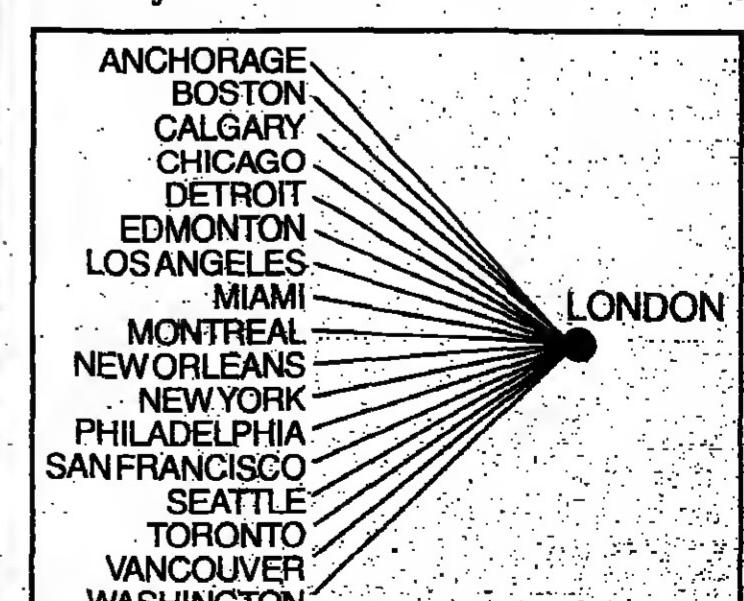
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# Queen to hand over Canada constitution

OTTAWA, April 14 (AFP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau will achieve a lifetime ambition on Saturday when Queen Elizabeth II formally hands over to her Canadian subjects the constitutional authority hitherto exercised by the British Parliament in Westminster.

The queen, who arrives in the federal capital Thursday afternoon, will sign a proclamation at an open-air ceremony in front of the

## S. Africa seeks hijack testimony

JOHANNESBURG, April 14 (AP) — South Africa has formally requested permission for a commission to hear the testimony of the crew of an Air-India jet allegedly hijacked during an abortive coup attempt last November in this island nation, the South African Broadcasting Corp. (SABC) reported Wednesday.

It said the request was made by telex and cleared the way for the South African-appointed commission to hear the statements of the crew.

The Seychelles supreme court judge, Frank Wood, said Tuesday the hearing could not begin because no formal request had been received from South Africa. SABC said Wood had accepted the telex request.

The jet was flown from the Seychelles to Durban, South Africa, following the failure of the coup. The 45 mercenaries aboard the plane have been charged with hijacking by Natal provincial authorities, but their trial has been delayed while efforts were being made to obtain evidence from the Air-India crew. India refused to allow the crew to go to South Africa.

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## Despite protests Franco-Soviet space trip set

PARIS, April 14 (AFP) — The long-planned Franco-Soviet manned space flight, rumored to be facing cancellation by the French government as protest over events in Poland, will take place "probably at the end of June."

Hubert Curien, president of the "National Space Study Center" (CNES) said Wednesday: "Our concern is to give to this space event its scientific value, which is an important one, and not make it a political event... The most likely date for the flight is at the end of next June."

Following the proclamation of martial law in Poland last Dec. 13, several hundred French scientists had urged their government to cancel the Franco-Soviet space flight.

French Lt. Col. Jean-Loup Chretien is

scheduled to be launched with two Soviet cosmonauts in the *Soyuz-T* spacecraft, to join two other Soviet spacemen — for a week in the *Salyut* space laboratory. A second French astronaut, Col. Patrick Baudy, is standing by in case Lt. Col. Chretien is unable to make the trip.

CNES is expected to give a press conference in the next 10 days to announce further details about the Franco-Soviet flight. Little information has emerged since last October, when a group of French journalists visited the Soviet "city of stars" near Moscow where the two French astronauts carry out their training.

On March 13, the Soviet news agency Tass sent out a brief item stressing that "the Franco-Soviet space team is undergoing pre-flight preparations."

## Eanes to view Angola mood

LISBON, April 14 (R) — President Antonio Ramalho Eanes' visit to Angola this week should provide some indication of how far the former Portuguese colony is turning in the West after a long period of Soviet and Cuban influence.

Gen. Eanes will be the first president of a NATO country to make a state visit to Angola when he arrives in Luanda Tuesday for five days of talks with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and other Angolan leaders.

The political opening that has made this possible only six and a half years after the Portuguese hauled down their flag and left Angola to face a bloody civil war and foreign invasion coincides with a boom in trade between the two countries.

Portuguese officials see trade and the need to develop the economy of what was the jewel of Lisbon's African empire as the key to increasing Angola's reliance on the West. The way the Portuguese have recovered their share of the Angolan market after having been pushed out by East bloc exports after

Angolan independence has strengthened the conviction of Lisbon officials that Angola sees its economic future as lying with the West.

"It is only when there is war that they need the Soviet bloc arms, troops and instructors to push back the South African attacks and that is when the pro-Soviet factions in the Angolan ruling party gain the upper hand," a senior official said.

That is why the Portuguese place so much hope on the efforts of the five-nation Western "contact group" to negotiate the independence of Namibia (Southwest Africa) and deprive South Africa of the launching pad it has used for its raids across Namibia's northern border with Angola.

Angola earlier this year issued a joint declaration with Cuba saying the only reason Cuban troops had not withdrawn was because of constant South African attacks against Angolan positions. Thousands of Cuban troops went to Angola in 1975 to help the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) win the civil war and repel a South African invasion.

## Firm deal on Mirages denied

PARIS, April 14 (AFP) — French aviation company Marcel Dassault-Breguet officials Wednesday denied reports that France had signed a firm \$3,000 million deal to supply India with 40 Mirage-2000 fighter jets.

But company officials said a memorandum of understanding between the two countries had been signed, though this did not constitute a contract and allowed either party to withdraw from the agreement.

Reliable sources here said the memorandum of understanding was signed last week when an Indian Defense Ministry delegation visited Paris, headed by K. Rasgotra, secretary of the Foreign Affairs Department.

The source noted that negotiations between France and India for the sale of Mirage jets started two years ago, part of a general

### BRIEFS

SEREMBAN, Malaysia (AFP) — Gunmen shot dead a candidate of the United Malays National Organization (UMNO) in the Negeri Sembilan state assembly Wednesday in possibly the first political murder in the country's history. The body of Datuk Muhammad Taha Talib, 55, was found with bullet wounds in the head and leg outside his house at Gemenchah, about 100 kms from the state capital of Seremban.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — Small thruster rockets fired Tuesday failed to free a jammed antenna aboard a \$130 million Indian satellite that may be rendered useless if the malfunction is not corrected, a spokesman said. Kennedy Space Center spokesman Mark Hess said technicians would meet for the next "couple of days" to study the problem of deploying a four-foot antenna aboard Insat-1.

SEOUL (AFP) — South Korea was Wednesday reported to be one of the world's most dangerous countries, if not the most dangerous, as far as traffic accidents are concerned. In 1981 alone, 5,804 persons were killed and 115,289 others injured in 123,373 traffic accidents. This meant 101.5 deaths per 10,000 vehicles a year, whereas the ratio is 2.2 in Japan and 3.4 in the United States.

deal under which French authorities agreed to transfer a variety of weapons systems to India. An agreement was signed on Jan. 23 in New Delhi, the source noted.

The first delivery of 40 Mirage jets could take place by the end of 1984 or early 1985, with a total 150 planes being delivered in three stages. The second stage would involve simultaneous construction of the components of 45 planes in both countries, which would then be assembled at Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. in Bangalore in India.

In the final stage, the Indian aeronautics firm would construct 65 Mirage-2000 fighters under license. Informed sources said that negotiations were continuing to decide the financial and technical conditions under which the transfers of French technology would take place so that 110 Mirage jets can be assembled and constructed in India.

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## 13 Indians die in gunfight

NEW DELHI, April 14 (AP) — Indian troops raided a guerrilla hideout and killed 11 members of the outlawed Manipur Liberation Army Tuesday in an eight-hour gunfight outside the capital of Manipur state, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

Two soldiers were also killed and several on both sides wounded in what the army commander for Manipur and Nagaland states called one of the most successful anti-insurgency operation so far undertaken in India's troubled northeast, UNI said.

The dead included Kunja Behari Singh, who took over last June as commander in chief of the Chinese-trained secessionist group, succeeding a guerrilla chief killed in an earlier encounter, the agency said. Singh was identified as the last still at large of 20 "liberating army" leaders trained by Chinese instructors at Lhasa, in Tibet.

Lebbe Singh, a prominent guerrilla who broke out of the jail at Imphal, the state capital, with 21 other guerrillas last January was arrested during Tuesday's gunfight, UNI said.

Army officials said acting on a tip troops surrounded and set fire to two houses used by the guerrillas at Kompoki, only 10 kms outside Imphal. The guerrillas came out firing

and the army returned fire, they said.

Manipur state, about 600 kms northeast of Calcutta, borders Burma. It has been troubled since 1978 by armed bands demanding independence from India. Scores have died in clashes between Indian security forces and the rebels, many of them affiliated with the pro-Chinese Liberation Army.

## Coal mine disaster kills 8 in Transvaal

JOHANNESBURG, April 14 (AFP) — Eight miners were killed and seven injured, three seriously, in a coal mine near Standerton in Transvaal, about 150 kms south of here, Tuesday night, a spokesman for the Amcoal group said Wednesday. The exact causes of the disaster are not yet known, but first reports said that roof props had given way in a gallery about 170 meters down.

Meanwhile, the Anglo-American Mining Corporation Wednesday opened an inquiry into the mysterious earth movement which trapped some 7,000 miners at the bottom of a gold mine for ten hours at Welkom in Orange Free State Tuesday. The tremor, registering 5 on the Richter scale, was the strongest in the region for about 10 years.

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**Sequel to crop failure**

# Soviet grain imports seen at 44m tons

WASHINGTON, April 14 (R) — Soviet grain imports will be a record 44 million tons in the current marketing year to June 30 and Moscow has contracts or commitments for almost all its needs, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department.

Its assessment in a report Tuesday indicates that Moscow will be able to overcome the blow dealt by the third poor harvest in succession despite some recent unofficial suggestions that its last crop was lower than generally expected.

The new U.S. estimate of Soviet grain imports in the 1981-82 marketing year is one million tons higher than last month's forecast and up sharply from 34.8 million tons last year.

The increase stemmed from heavier-than-expected shipments from February to May, improved Soviet port capacity and recent purchases by Soviet grain buyers, the department said.

The Agriculture Department on Monday reaffirmed its estimate that the Soviet crop last year totaled 175 million tons. Officials said they would wait until Moscow announced its own figure before revising that.

**GM expects to make profit**

CHICAGO, April 14 (R) — General Motors Corp. expects to report profit for the first quarter, President F. James McDonald said.

McDonald, at a press conference, declined to say if the results would exceed those of the year-earlier first quarter, when General Motors earned \$190.3 million on sales of \$15.72 billion.

He told Reuters after the press conference that General Motors anticipates capital expenditures of \$7 to \$8 billion this year, down from \$9.7 billion in 1981.

**Malaysia gears up to ride out recession**

KUALA LUMPUR, April 14 (R) — Many countries wish they faced the economic problems of Malaysia even as it prepares for a period of austerity to ride out the world recession.

A foreign debt of only \$3.3 billion — with interest payments that can be covered by just over two weeks worth of exports — solid growth and inflation of less than 10 percent make the South-East Asian nation the envy of other developing countries in the Third World.

But Malaysia takes a gloomy view of the immediate future, and there have been hints that the country's 13 million people could be in for a period of belt-tightening after general elections April 22.

With living standards improving, the economy is not expected to be an election issue. Private economists and government officials believe, however, that the government's all-out expansion drive will have to be toned down in coming months.

A widening trade gap could mean measures to curb domestic consumption and a scaling-down of ambitious development projects they said.

Malaysia has been fortunate in that it has had two decades of rapid expansion fuelled by exports of rubber, tin, timber, oil and palm oil.

They accounted for 74 percent of the country's export earnings of 25.7 billion ringgit \$11 billion last year. But a slow-

estimate.

But private grain trade experts have suggested the Soviet crop last year was the worst since the disastrous crop of 1975, when the harvest produced only 140 million tons.

The report said Moscow's grain imports in February increased sharply, with more than one million tons shipped from Argentina, one of its main suppliers.

Grain shipments to the Soviet Union in March could exceed the previous monthly record of four million tons set in October last year, it said.

The report said the Soviet grain purchases from July until September would depend on the outlook for this year's crops. It said soil moisture in most major grain growing regions across the Soviet Union remained good, but additional rains would be needed soon in some areas. The grain crop in the Soviet Union also suffered less than usual damage from the cold winter weather because of generally mild temperatures.

The report also said the Soviet Union would continue paying more for Argentine grain, especially if demand from other nations accelerated.

## Freight mart suffers setback

LONDON, April 14 (AFP) — The freight market suffered setback the past week as tension mounted over the Falklands. The rates eased quickly as shipowners refused to commit tonnage to the Southern Atlantic and sought alternative employment.

On the main grain routes from the United States to Europe and the Far East falls amounted to more than \$2 a ton.

Meanwhile, there was a growing backlog of ships in the River Plate awaiting cargoes, totaling 25 at least, double the normal number, and likely to increase further in the coming weeks, according to shipping sources.

Soviet charterers remained active. Limited details of business done emerged, including n

## Mobil plans to withdraw from Libya

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — Mobil Corp., the second largest U.S. oil company, is negotiating to pull out of Libya, the *Wall Street Journal* said Tuesday. Exxon, the largest, withdrew from Libya last November.

The *Journal* said that according to industry sources, Mobil executives were in Libya for talks with Libyan authorities on conditions for withdrawal. Mobil itself had "nothing to say on the subject," the *Journal* added.

Mobil has a joint production venture in which the Libyan government has a 51 percent share, Veba AG of West Germany 15 percent, and Mobil the rest. The journal said that "the joint venture last year produced 100,000 barrels of crude oil a day, but output fell sharply by the end of the year to about 25,000 barrels a day because of the high price of Libyan oil and the oil glut."

Mobil's take of Libyan oil doubled and the company's failure to obtain price concessions from Libya left little hope of profitability.

Furthermore, "None of this oil has been coming to the U.S. under an embargo declared by President Reagan earlier this year, against Libya."

27,000 tonner booked for \$6,500 a day for a trans-Atlantic round voyage, and a similar sized 14-year-old vessel fixed from Nakhodka to Sicily via the U.S. west coast or Gulf and/or the Black Sea was paid \$4,900 a day. Two vessels were also booked for trans-Atlantic voyages, including the Great Lakes each at \$6,500 per day.

General grain fixing out of the U.S. Gulf on a single voyage basis included a 72,000 ton bulk-oil carrier which accepted \$9.75 ton for Europe, or \$2.50 less than paid the week before, while to Japan a 34,000 tonner was booked at \$22 ton, a fall of \$2 on previous business.

Spending with the announcement that it intended to take another look at the 43 billion ringgit (\$8.3 billion) five-year economic development plan nearly two years before the mid-term review scheduled for the end of 1983.

The fourth Malaysia plan 1981-85 was drawn up before the slump in commodity and oil prices threw many calculations and most expansion targets beyond reach, economists said. They believe that some prestige projects will be axed or shelved, including the building of some roads and the expansion of provincial airports.

Some economists said the government had been reviewing the fourth plan since last year with the aim of seeking a more even distribution of wealth between the urban and rural areas as well as social and ethnic groups.

They added that the economy was not an election issue because the downturn in export prices had not filtered down to the bulk of the population whose standard of living continued to improve.

But Bank Negara Malaysia, the central bank, took a gloomy view — by Malaysian standards — of the future. The bank said last month in its annual report that stable economic growth this year would depend on the government reducing spending and curbing consumer outlays to help slow the growth in imports after the country ran up a trade deficit in 1981 for the first time.

## Pakistan gets \$60m from U.S.

ISLAMABAD, April 14 (AP) — The United States Tuesday authorized \$60 million in aid to Pakistan, the first instalment of a six-year, \$300 million agriculture assistance package.

The U.S. Congress has pledged to provide Pakistan with \$1.625 billion in economic aid up until Sept. 30, 1986, among the poor nations, the third largest recipient of U.S. funds after Egypt and Israel.

U.S. Ambassador Spiers, who signed for the American side, said the money allocated Tuesday will allow Pakistan this year to import an estimated 1.1 million tons of phosphate fertilizer, Pakistan's biggest import item other than oil.

Assistance has been earmarked for purchases of heavy duty equipment for irrigation projects, according to donor M. Lion, director of the U.S. aid program here.

Lion said a further \$50 million will be authorized Thursday for projects such as building roads in the rural areas and bringing electricity to remote tribal villages in North West Frontier Province.

## With prices falling Manila mining faces crisis

MANILA, April 14 (R) — Low prices due to the world recession are putting industry of the Philippines, one of the Third World's major metal producers, through its toughest squeeze since the end of the World War II.

The industry, a major foreign exchange earner, saw three firms shut down at the end of last year as two years of falling demand and a slide in world copper prices continued unabated.

Executives of other mining companies in the Philippines, the world's seventh largest copper producer, say they fear the losses will go on if the costs of producing the metal stay higher than the price they get for it. One mining executive whose firm produces gold, copper and silver said the outlook was "the bleakest for the industry since 1946."

A drop in demand for copper, largely due to the downturn in activity in major industrialized nations, has sent the metal's spot price on the London Metal down from around \$1.30 a pound to below 80 cents a pound in two years.

Philippines' production of gold also faces problems because of the halving of the price over the past two years. The country is the fifth largest world gold producer.

At current metal prices only two Philippines firms, Philex Mining and Benguet Corporation, stand to make profits this year, and there would be slight, mining officials say. The executive, who asked not to be named, said mining experts had warned the government over 18 months ago that the outlook for the copper industry was bleak and had recommended measures to meet an impending crisis.

But the government increased a tax on production of the metal which hit mining

companies hard because of copper's low selling price on international markets. Not is the industry enthusiastic about a 200 million peso (\$24 million) stabilization fund set up by the government earlier this year to protect copper producers which has tough conditions for firms borrowing from it.

"What the industry would like is a reduction in taxes," another mining executive said, while a chamber of miners official said members wanted the fund to be available not just for copper but also for other metals such as gold, nickel and chrome. The depression in prices pushed a joint Philippine-Canadian copper producing venture, Marcooper, into the red last year for the first time after 11 years of profits.

The company's vice-president for operations said it might have to close its mine if the price of copper fell much further. Philippines' output of copper dropped 2.1 percent last year in line with cutbacks in other producer countries fighting to overcome world overcapacity.

Meanwhile low international prices of gold have made the country's leading producer of the metal, Benguet, trim back its budget by cutting spending on exploration and deferring capital projects.

With the gold price having fallen from \$875 to 350 an ounce in a little over two years, Benguet's earnings from gold mining last year suffered as 88 percent drop to 16.7 million pesos (\$2 million) and its total earnings fell 24 percent.

Only nine percent of Benguet's total earnings came from its gold, and the firm predicts the operation will lose money in 1982 in the international price does not recover.

## U.S., Turkey to set up joint electronic unit

ANKARA, April 14 (AP) — A U.S. company and three Turkish state-controlled enterprises Tuesday signed a partnership agreement for a joint venture to manufacture electronics equipment in Turkey.

The joint company, to be called Havelsan-Aydin, will begin with an initial capital of \$7 million which will later be increased to \$35 million, the head of the U.S. company said.

Ayhan Hakimoglu, Turkish-born chairman of the U.S. Aydin Corporation, signed the agreement with Turkey's Commander of the Air Force, Gen. Tahsin Sehinkaya, signing for the Turkish interests.

The Aydin Corporation will have a 36.5 percent share in the new enterprise. The majority partner is the Turkish Air Force support foundation with 51 percent ownership. The rest of the shares are distributed among Testas "Turkish electronics industry enterprise" and Tusaas "Turkish aircraft industry enterprise."

Havelsan-Aydin is to manufacture radars for Turkish airports and electronics and telecommunications equipment for Turkish aircraft, Hakimoglu said.

Initially, a plant to be built in this capital city would meet the needs of the Turkish Air Force, manufacturing spare parts for existing military aircraft and undertaking repairs. In time, if Turkey succeeds in developing its own aircraft manufacturing industry, the electronics parts of these planes would be made at the Havelsan-Aydin plant.

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**Economic, budget differences****Bonn coalition faces severe test**

BONN, April 14 (AFP) — Economic and budget troubles are about to test the cohesion of the Social-Democrat and Liberal government here once again.

On June 16 the federal cabinet is scheduled to adopt a budget addition of at least \$1.4 billion and will take "a fundamental decision" on the financing of the 1983-budget, a senior official said.

The 1982 deficit of about \$12 billion and the 1983 shortfall of slightly less are likely to be exceeded. They will probably total some \$14 billion each year.

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**Czech unions parley today**

PRAGUE, April 14 (AFP) — The 10th congress of Czechoslovakia's trade unions begins here Thursday amid economic difficulties that might conceivably lead to labor unrest one day, but there was no sign of any fall-out from Poland.

Few people have castigated the activities of Poland's independent Solidarity union more witheringly than the Czech Trade Union president Karel Hoffmann and his colleagues. For them, the notion of a trade union movement independent of the party and the government is an impossibility in a Socialist country.

During the events in Poland, trade union leaders here have maintained links solely with the official Polish union movement that continues the revolutionary tradition. The declaration of martial law was a relief to them as marking a return to normal.

Hoffmann illustrated the Leninist concept of trade unionism last year during preparations for this congress. He rated improving working conditions third in importance among desirable objectives.

**BRIEFS**

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The U.S. is keenly interested in the idea of an informal meeting on international trade with Japan, Canada and the EEC, said a spokesman for William Brock, the government's special representative for trade affairs. The meeting, similar to one at Key Biscayne (Florida) last January, has been mooted for late May in Paris ahead of the June Western economic summit at Versailles near the French capital.

PARIS, (AFP) — New car registrations in France during March totaled 228,360 of which 58,036 were foreign makes. The figure was 27.9 percent up March last year when sales were particularly low. The trade, hazzarding that 1982 sales would total around two million, said business had been picking up all this year.

GLASGOW, Scotland, (AFP) — The Hong Kong-based Hutchinson Whampoa Company together with a Scottish company, Harrison's (Clyde) Ltd., has created a new joint venture Bermuda-based shipping

whether the federal welfare allocation could be cut. The SPD would reject any new austerity, the 1982 cuts having angered the party.

Lambsdorff has said the consolidating of public finances, which began in 1982, must continue in years to come. There was no question of higher taxes or an increased deficit, as the financing gap was around \$5,000 million for 1983.

These remarks highlight the divergence in political philosophy between the two coalition parties. It was concealed in the affluent years of the 1970s, and is now laid bare.

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**David Cross' brace of no avail**

## Fox restricts Liverpool's tally

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — Liverpool maintained its five point lead at the top of the English First Division soccer standings by defeating Stoke City 2-0 at Anfield Tuesday night.

Full back Alan Kennedy and midfielder Craig Johnston both scored first half goals as Liverpool recorded its eighth straight league victory. Kennedy was on target after only four minutes and Johnston scored after 36 minutes, but Stoke goalkeeper Peter Fox produced a series of excellent saves to prevent Liverpool from recording an even bigger victory. The match was watched by a crowd of 30,419.

Ipswich, beaten at Tottenham Saturday, bounced back to down West Ham United 3-2 in a thrilling contest at Portman Road watched by 28,767 spectators — the club's biggest home gate of the season. Terry Butcher, back in the Ipswich team after a 10-week absence, created the 15th minute opener for Alan Brazil and eleven minutes later Brazil was fouled by Ray Stewart and John Wark scored his 19th goal of the season from the penalty spot.

David Cross reduced the deficit with a 42nd minute header but Russell Osman restored Ipswich's advantage with a 51st minute header. Cross scored an 80th minute second goal for the visitors.

The match was marred by a first half injury to West Ham winger Jimmy Neighbour, who badly damaged knee ligaments and is likely to miss the rest of the season.

Swansea City maintained its championship challenge by defeating Southampton 1-0 in an excellent match at the Vetch Field. Welsh international forward Alan Curtis scored the only goal in the 25th minute — a low curling shot from 25-meters.

Yugoslav sweeper Ante Rajkovic was outstanding for Swansea and completely negated the challenge of Southampton strikers Kevin Keegan and Keith Cassells. 23,771 spectators watched the game.

Martin Singleton, an 18-year-old former England youth international, marked his Coventry city debut by scoring the only goal in a 1-0 victory over Everton at Highfield Road. Singleton scored in the 35th minute of a match watched by a poor crowd of 11,858.

Middlesbrough's bid to escape relegation suffered a setback when Leeds scored with six minutes remaining to clinch a 1-1 draw at Elland Road.

David Shearer had given Middlesbrough a 13th minute lead to shock a 20,458 crowd but Derek Parlane equalized with a header from a Peter Barnes' cross.

**Ian Rush tops**

Liverpool's Ian Rush with 27 goals to his

credit tops the scores' list after Monday's matches. The other Division One top-scorers are Kevin Keegan, Southampton 25; Alan Brazil, Ipswich 22; Cyrille Regis, West Bromwich 22; Keith Cassells, Southampton 21 (all for Oxford); Terry McDermott, Liverpool 20; Kenny Dalglish, Liverpool 18; John Wark, Ipswich 18.

Division Two: Simon Stainrod, Q.P. Rangers 21; Garry Bannister Sheffield Wednesday 19; Keith Houchen, Orient 19 (all for Hartlepool); Ronnie Moore, Rotherham 18; Steve White, Luton 17; and Simon Garner, Blackpool 16.

Meanwhile, in Valladolid, Real Madrid beat Sporting Union 2-1 in the Spanish Football Association Cup final Tuesday. It was their 15th triumph, but one of their least distinguished.

In Cairo, eight-nine persons have been arrested in connection with the recent riots at a National soccer game in Port Said, 220 kilometers, northeast of Cairo, court sources said.

After the Sunday riot between fans of El-Masri and Zamalek, the Egyptian Soccer Federation suspended El-Masri's home schedule for the next 17 games, until the middle of the 1982-83 season. The sources said 15 fans arrested last Sunday were released.

### Results

English Division One						
Coventry	1	Everton	0			
Ipswich	3	West Ham	2			
Leeds	1	Middlesbrough	1			
Liverpool	2	Stoke	0			
Swansea	1	Southampton	0			
Division Two						
Charlton	2	Sheffield	2			
Leicester	2	Oleham	1			
Division Three						
Carlisle	3	Chester	0			
Fulham	2	Swindon	0			
Walsall	0	Preston	3			
Division Four						
Bournemouth	4	Torquay	0			
Mansfield	1	Scunthorpe	1			
Peterborough	2	Colchester	2			

### Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	34	21	6	7	67	26	69
Ipswich	34	20	4	10	61	45	64
Swansea	34	19	11	7	47	26	59
Manchester United	34	19	11	7	60	32	59
Southampton	34	18	8	8	50	39	63
Tottenham	30	17	6	7	57	39	57
Arsenal	35	15	10	10	34	32	55
West Ham	35	13	13	9	57	45	52
Manchester City	35	13	11	11	45	43	50
Nottingham Forest	34	13	11	10	35	37	50
Brighton	35	12	13	10	38	39	49
Everton	35	12	12	11	44	42	48
Aston Villa	34	12	10	12	47	45	46

## Waddle in under-21 squad

LONDON, April 14 (AFP) — Newcastle striker Chris Waddle is the surprise inclusion in a strong England under-21 squad for the first-leg of the UEFA Championship semifinal with Scotland at Hampden Park Monday.

A number of clubs have agreed to release players for the match, even though they will want them for league matches the following Wednesday, and England manager Ron Greenwood has also increased the strength of the party by including Graham Rix of Arsenal and Gary Owen of West Bromwich as "overage" players.

FA Cup finalists Queen's Park Rangers have three players in the squad of 19, which will be coached by their manager Terry Venables, and under whom manager Dave Sexton has three of his Coventry players in the party. Blackpool goalkeeper Iain Hesford, who earned the semifinal place with a penalty save in the final minutes against Poland last week, looks certain to retain his place in the

starting lineup.

Waddle, 21, who joined Newcastle from a local non-league club, Tow Law Town, 18 months ago, has been ever present this season. While playing for Tow Law he worked in a factory. Playing wide on the left flank he has scored six goals this season and has been watched by several First Division clubs.

The England squad to play Scotland at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on April 19 in the first-leg of the UEFA Under-21 championship is:

Hesford (Blackpool), Hucker (QPR), Ranson (City), Thomas (Coventry), Reid (City), Caton (City), Fenwick (QPR), Mac-Butt (Bristol Rovers), Smith (Sheffield Wed.), MacKenzie (WBA), Rix (Arsenal), Owen (WBA), Davis (Arsenal), Goddard (West Ham), Allen (OPR), Hateley (Coventry), Thompson (Coventry), Bannister (Sheffield Wed.), Waddle (Newcastle).

## Cricketeters approve action against rebels

BIRMINGHAM, England, April 14 (Agencies) — English professional cricketers Tuesday approved the Test and County Cricket Board's decision to ban from Test cricket for three years the 15 rebels who toured South Africa last month.

The annual meeting of the Cricketers' Association voted by 190 votes to 35 to support a resolution backing the TCCB. The meeting at the same time defended the rights of individual cricketers "to follow their profession wherever they choose."

Jack Bannister, secretary of the association, said after the meeting at Edgbaston: "There was no acrimony during the meeting. The resolutions were the outcome of a lot of complicated and involved discussion on what, after all, is a very tricky subject."

All 15 of the players who took part in the controversial tour of South Africa attended the meeting. Geoff Boycott, Graham Gooch and Bob Woolmer all spoke on behalf of the touring party.

"They restricted themselves to offering explanations for going to South Africa and did not propose any resolutions asking for the association's support in having the ban removed or eased."

Meanwhile, John Emburey, one of the 15

rebel English cricketers who toured South Africa earlier this year, has been dropped as vice-captain by his County team Middlesex.

Emburey, a 29-year-old spinner, has been replaced by his England colleague Mike Gatting, who turned down offers to play on the controversial tour.

Emburey did not complete the tour after breaking a thumb in one of the early matches, but still was banned from Test cricket for three years by the Test and County Cricket Board.

The Nat West Bank Trophy cricket competition will be increased next year, when eight more Minor Counties plus Scotland are brought into the first round of the competition, it was reported Tuesday.

## BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AP) — Charlie Simmer and Dan Bonar scored two goals apiece as the Los Angeles Kings defeated the Edmonton Oilers 7-4 Tuesday and completed an upset in the National Hockey League first round playoffs. The Kings, who won the series 3-2, meet Vancouver Canucks in the second. Meanwhile, Dale Hunter poked home a rebound to give the Quebec Nordiques a 3-2 win over

This increase, from the traditional entry of five second-class Counties, do not meet each other early. They will be seeded so that only two will have to play each other in the opening round.

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It is learnt that India has agreed to a minimum 96 overs on each day of the three Cornhill Tests in England this summer.

Last week India appeared to be holding out for a figure of 15 overs an hour, but Lord's Tuesday received confirmation from the Indian Board that England's suggested 96-a-day rate was acceptable to the tourists.

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CLEAR: Ipswich's keeper Dennis Orman (right) clears the ball before Tottenham's Ian Rush can do any damage during the First Division League match. Ipswich won the tie 1-0.

## Pecci ousts Curren in extended duel

HOUSTON, Texas, April 14 (AP) — Fifth-seeded Victor Pecci of Paraguay and Ricardo Ycaza of Ecuador each came from behind to win their first round matches at the \$300,000 World Championship Tennis Tournament.

Pecci lost a close first set but came back to defeat South Africa's Kevin Curren 5-7, 6-2, 7-6, while Ycaza followed a similar route before taking a 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory over hometown favorite Tony Giammalva.

Curren had a rougher time advancing to the second round. Curren broke Pecci in the 11th game of the opening set but fell apart in the second set when Pecci broke the South African in the fourth and eighth games.

The match returned to a dogfight in the third set, which was decided in a lengthy 11-9 tiebreaker. Pecci fought off three match points before winning it on the second match point with a forehand winner down the line. The previous point was more spectacular when Curren ran off the court to make a desperate save only to have Pecci swat the ball to the other side of the court for a winner.

Meanwhile in Los Angeles, seventh seed Chip Hooper defeated Iie Naglik, but second seed Johaf Kriket lost to Bruce Mansson in the second day of play Tuesday in the \$200,000 Pacific Southwest Tennis Tournament.

Hooper of the United States used his powerful serve to defeat the 35-year-old Romanian-born Naglik, 7-6, 6-4. It was the first time the two had played. Mansson of the United States defeated Kriket of South Africa 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.

Mansson was a quarterfinalist at the U.S. Open last year, losing to Vitas Gerulaitis, who dropped out of this tournament with the flu. In other matches, Martin Davis defeated Brian Gottfried, 6-3, 7-6; Lloyd Bourne bested Stan Smith, 6-4, 3-6; Victor Amaya prevailed over Hank Pfister, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; Sandy Mayer beat Matt Doyle 6-3, 6-0; Brian Teacher beat Bernie Mitton of South Africa, 6-0, 6-4; Phil Dent of Australia defeated Tom Leonard, 6-4, 6-3, and Gene Mayer down Dick Stockton, 6-1, 6-1.

In London Bjorn Borg and the All-England tennis club continued playing cat-and-mouse with each other Tuesday on the issue of qualifying for Wimbledon. The club called a committee meeting for Thursday to make a final decision whether to enforce the rule and make Borg play in the qualifying tournament.

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Against Philadelphia

# Bucks caught with their 'guards' down

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — The mangling of the guards finally caught up with the Milwaukee Bucks.

The Bucks, trying to keep up with Philadelphia so they can have a homecourt advantage if they have to play the 76ers in the playoffs, had been playing well despite injuries to guards Junior Bridgeman, Quinn Buckner and Brian Winters.

But the Washington Bullets, also looking for a homecourt edge in the playoffs, took advantage of the Bucks' weakness for a 109-99 victory Tuesday night in a National Basketball Association game.

"Defensively, we pressured their guards by picking them up at halfcourt," Bullets guard John Lucas said. "On offense, we had a big advantage in speed. They really miss Junior, Quinn and Winters. They must be a great team to still be in most games without them."

Don Collins, a 6-foot-6 guard, led Washington's assault on Milwaukee's backcourt with a career-high 32 points, sinking 15 of 20 shots, many of them breakaway layups.

In other NBA games, it was Philadelphia 93, Indiana 89; Atlanta 119, Cleveland 111; San Antonio 144, Denver 137; New Jersey 104, New York 102; Chicago 120, Boston 115; Houston 99, Kansas City 95; Seattle 88, Portland 86; Phoenix 105, San Diego 94 and Golden State 106, Los Angeles 101.

The Bullets, 42-37, who ran their winning streak to five games, had clinched a playoff berth by defeating the Bucks 115-114 last Saturday. The Bucks' latest defeat dropped their record to 54-25, a game behind the 76ers.

With the Bucks shooting only 45 percent from the floor, the Bullets chose to sag off Milwaukee's perimeter shooters and collapse their defense inside. That left Washington's Greg Ballard, Spencer Haywood, Rick Mahorn and Jeff Ruland in good position to rebound and fire outlet passes to the breaking Collins.

Sidney Moncrief led the Bucks with 12 points, while Bob Lanier added 20. Spencer Haywood scored 13 of his 21 points for Washington in the second half.

**WARRIORS 106, LAKERS 101:** Larry Smith's layup with 1:22 remaining put Golden State ahead for good, and the Warriors moved into a tie with Denver and Phoenix for the final two spots in the Western Conference playoff race. Los Angeles center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who led the Lakers with 27 points, passed the 28,000 point plateau in scoring during the game. Teammate Jamaal Wilkes added 22 points for Los Angeles.

Joc Barry Carroll led all scorers with 29 for the Warriors. Ervin "Magic" Johnson became the third player in NBA history to get 700 assists and 700 rebounds in a season; Walt Chamberlain and Oscar Robertson were the others.

**SPURS 144, NUGGETS 137:** George Gervin scored 39 points and grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds and Mike Bratz keyed a late rally to lead San Antonio over Denver. Bratz had 10 of his 14 points in the final period as the Spurs took a three-game lead over the Nuggets and maintained a two-game edge over Houston in the Midwest Division.

**SONICS 88, BLAZERS 86:** James Donaldson hit a pair of free throws with one second left to lift Seattle past Portland, which fell three games behind a playoff berth with just three games to play. Jack Sikma led the Sonics with 22 points and 21 rebounds.

**ROCKETS 99, KINGS 95:** Mike Dunleavy's three-point goal with four minutes left sparked Houston over Kansas City, keeping alive the Rockets' hopes to catch first-place San Antonio in the Midwest Division. Dunleavy's long basket, which tied the score 87-87, came in the midst of a 13-0 run by the Rockets that gave them a 93-87 lead. Elvin Hayes led the Rockets with 26 points and Moses Malone added 23, while Ernie Grunfeld had 23 for Kansas City.

**SUNS 105, CLIPPERS 94:** Dennis Johnson scored 13 of his 26 points in the first quarter as Phoenix beat San Diego, which lost for the 19th straight time. The Clippers, 16-65, are only one game shy of the all-time NBA consecutive loss mark of Philadelphia 76ers in the 1970-71 season.

**HAWKS 119, CAVALIERS 111:** Dan Roundfield and Mike Glenn each scored 26 points as Atlanta stayed tied with New Jersey for fifth place in the Eastern Conference, one game behind the Bullets, by handing Cleveland its 16th straight defeat, a club record. The Cavaliers got 27 points from Cliff Robinson and 21 from Ron Brewer.

**76ERS 93, PACERS 89:** Bobby Jones and Lionel Hollins each scored 14 points as Philadelphia, without Julius Erving, who had the flu, defeated Indiana. Billy Knight led Indiana with 20 points.

**BULLS 120, CELTICS 115:** Ronnie Lester hit 12 consecutive free throws in the last 3 1/2 minutes and Dwight Jones hit five baskets down the stretch to lead Chicago past Atlantic Division champion Boston. The Bulls won only their second game in their last 10 outings.

By a Staff Writer

**JEDDAH, April 14:** — The Jeddah Bowling Center's Winter League program finished at the end of last week and this week saw the presentation ceremonies for all the individual and team winners. During the four separate banquets, J.B.C. manager, Nairn Shalita, presented one hundred and six trophies, as well as several copies of his new book, "Steps to Bowling".

In the Saturday Night League, Marine Transport led for most of the season and had actually clinched the title before the final position rounds last week. Luzviminda put in a good run towards the end of the season to take second place, while Hopefuls maintained their form steadily throughout the four-month league to finish in third place.

Last season's Tuesday night winners, Dania, put in a strong finish but couldn't repeat their triumph, eventually finishing second behind Ten Sikker. Bears of Lapland did enough on the last night to sneak to third place at the expense of A.G.

As expected, Sawasdee won the Wednesday Night League, finishing with an amazing

ten-point margin. The real battle was for second and third places, and these were undecided right up to the final night. Disaster

Area eventually finished second on pinfall, moving from fourth on the night to edge the Tigers. Super 7 dropped to fourth place, also

on total pinfall count.

Certain individual stars have emerged over the season, and top place must go to Thawan Kovit, who took all three league trophies for the high average bowler along with several other awards for high series, high score, and winning teams. Without detracting from his performance, though, his way may have been brighter if Jim Johnson and Prakrit Suttipong had bowled more often.

Top spot for the ladies belongs to Nov Leach, who took two high average awards and a list of other trophies for the Saturday and Tuesday Night Leagues. Wednesday Night was dominated by Ubah Afifi, who claimed all three individual awards to go with her second place team trophy.

This Friday, April 16, sees the start of a three-month, all-Filipino League. Fourteen teams will be fighting for honors. And May 1 will be the start of the new Spring League program. Matches will be run through the week, but JBC has deliberately restricted the number of teams competing in order to allow more lanes to be left open for families and members of the general public.

## Tomori gains verdict against champ Ursua.

TOKYO, April 14 (Agencies) — Japanese challenger Tadashi Tomori scored a hard-fought split decision over World Boxing Council champion Amado Ursua of Mexico to win the WBC junior flyweight championship here Tuesday night.

American judge Dick Cole favored the 22-year-old Japanese challenger Tomori 145-142 and Japanese judge Shoichi Uchida also gave the fight to Tomori 148-145. Mexican Judge Guillermo Ayon called it 145-145.

The out come of the fight in the WBC's lightest class was undecided until the end, with the two fighters throwing left and right punches at each other in a fierce match after three cautious opening rounds. There were no knockdowns.

Tomori, weighing in at 108 pounds (48.9 kgms), the weight limit, was the aggressor throughout most of the fight. He looked speedy and impressive in the seventh, seventh and 11th rounds at Tokio's Korakuen Boxing Stadium.

Ursua, 25, making his first defense of the WBC crown he won from Hilario Zapata of Panama with a round knockout on Feb. 6, scored with stinging blows to the eighth and 10th rounds. But he seemed unable to catch up with his pressing Japanese challenger, WBC's ninth ranked contender. Ursua also weighed in at 108 pounds.

For Tomori, making his first bid for a world title, the victory was his 19th against five defeats. The setback was Ursua's ninth against 28 triumphs, including 23 knockouts.

Dempsey hospitalized

Former world heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey has had a near pacemaker inserted; it was learnt to New York Tuesday.

Davy, now aged 86, was admitted to the Cornell Medical Center here on Sunday in what was reported to be a "critical condition" but his wife said Tuesday he did not have heart attack. She said he was brought to hospital as his heart was beating too slowly. He was now resting after the operation and his condition has been satisfactory.

Dempsey, who held the world title from 1919 to 1926, gained recognition as one of the greatest heavyweights of all time. Two of his most memorable fights were against Gene Tunney, who died in 1978 aged 80.

Cowdell gives up British title

European featherweight boxing champion Pat Cowdell, has given up his British title. His manager Ron Gray informed the British Boxing Board of Control of this decision Tuesday while Cowdell was on holiday in Amsterdam.

Gray said: "On behalf of Pat, I have informed the board that we will give up the British title. I feel Pat must go forward, and defending the British Championship is a backward step, bearing in mind that he has done everything possible in that respect."

Gray explained that the reason they gave up the British title was that they are waiting for a title fight between World Boxing Association champion Eusebio Pedroza of Panama.

**Karpov surprised**

LONDON, April 14 (AFP) — Young English chess players received words of praise from world champion Anatoly Karpov after a simultaneous match with 25 of them in which he lost four games, one to a 14-year-old.

The Soviet won 11 and drew 10 in the match at Westergate, near Chichester, today. He said afterwards: "It's the strongest simultaneous match I've ever played. Your English juniors are very good." Edward Lee, 14, a third-former at Fairlop High School in Essex, forced the champion to resign after 43 moves.

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PROUD WINNERS: Sawasdee make a happy picture as they pose with the trophies after the presentation ceremony, Saturday night. Third from left is Thawan Kovit, who emerged as the best bowler.

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61-3 innings.

Hal McRae reached base four times and

doubled to key a five-run rally in the fifth

inning, leading Kansas City to a 6-5 victory

over Baltimore.

In a late game, Seattle and California

played through 17 innings, the longest game

of the young season, before the American

League curfew halted play with the score tied

3-3. The game is to be resumed before Wed-

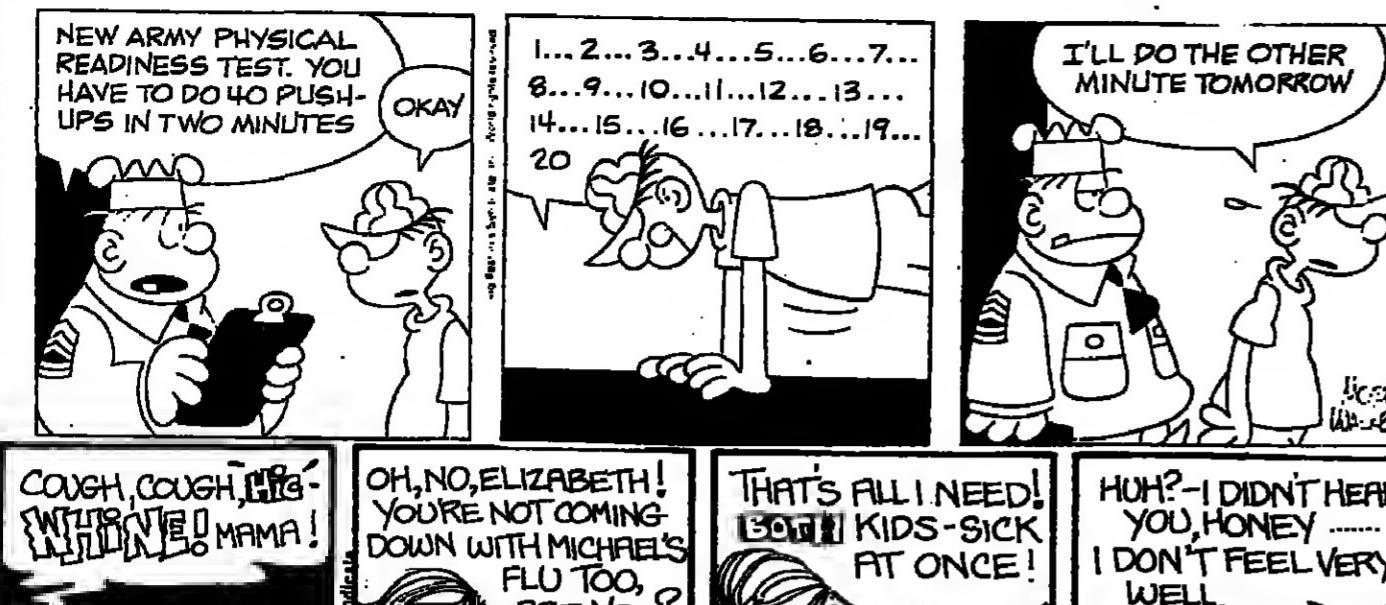
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Baltimore	3	.400	1	St. Louis	4	.500	1
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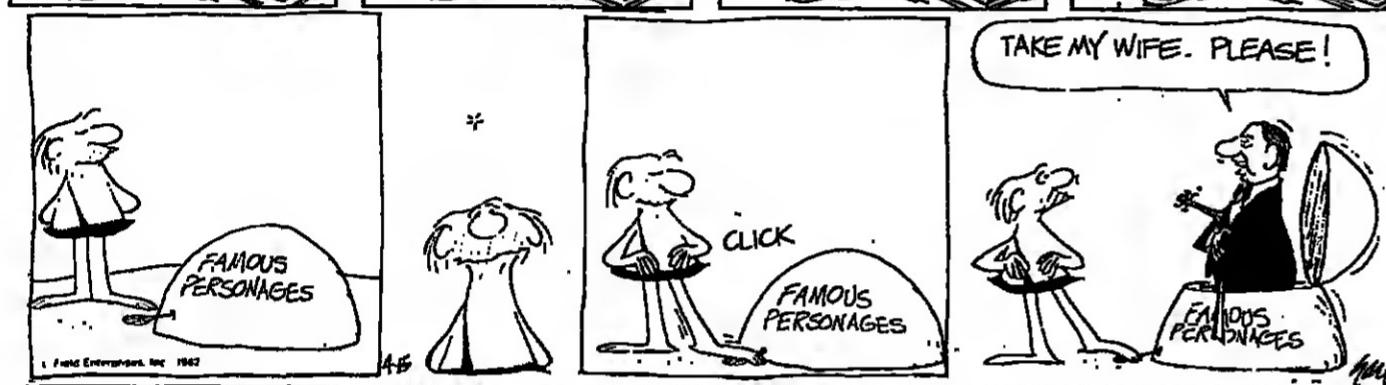
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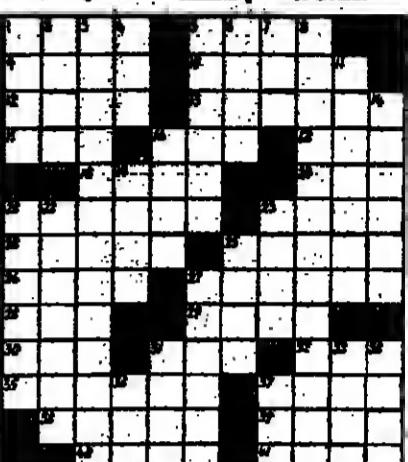


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 ♡ 5 4  
 ♢ A K 9 3 2  
 ♣ 8 3

WEST  
 ♠ 10 5  
 ♡ Q J 10 9 8  
 ♢ 10 6  
 ♣ K 10 7 2

EAST  
 ♠ J 8 8 3  
 ♡ 7 2  
 ♢ 9 7 5 4  
 ♣ A J 6

SOUTH  
 ♠ K 6 4  
 ♡ A K 6 3  
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There are hands where the outcome of a contract is a foregone conclusion because declarer has overwhelming strength at his command. But there are also other hands where skill is the sole determining factor. For example, take this case where West leads a heart and South must exercise great care or he may come home lame.

Let's say he wins the heart with the king and plays the Q-K-A of diamonds, hoping for a 3-3 split. West discards a heart

on the third round, and South has to choose between persevering with diamonds or playing for a 3-3 spade division.

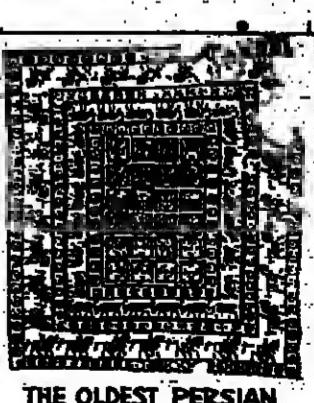
Either way, three notrump goes down. South fails by sheer force if he leads spades first, and he also fails if he plays a diamond to establish dummy's last diamond as a trick. In the latter case, East wins the diamond and returns the jack of clubs, scoring four club tricks to put the contract down one.

South can make three notrump by entering dummy with a spade at trick two and leading a low diamond. He plans to play the eight if East follows low.

In the actual case, West wins the eight with the ten but is helpless. With West on lead, there is no way the defenders can possibly cash four club tricks. At the same time, South is sure to score three spades, two hearts and four diamonds as the lion's share of the pile.

In effect, declarer tries to shape his play so as to avoid losing a diamond trick to East. By adopting this approach, declarer makes it impossible for the defense to injure him by scoring four club tricks. East is the dangerous opponent and South does everything he can to stop East from gaining the lead.

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Cultural Program

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8:30 Beginner's Wedding

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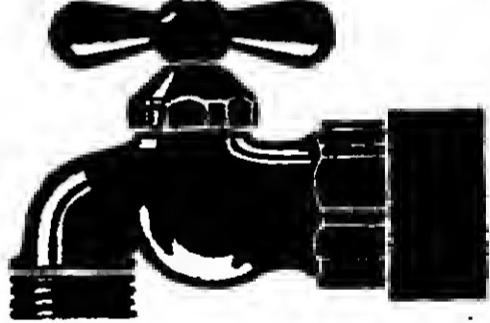
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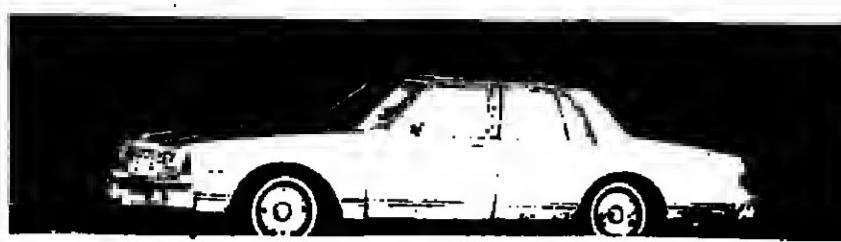
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## Uproar ends Moro trial session

ROME, April 14 (Agencies) — The first session of the trial of alleged Red Brigade guerrillas accused of murdering former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro and other offenses ended in uproar Wednesday when they hurled abuse at the court. Raising his voice above the clamor, the Rome Assize court president, Severino Santipachi, ordered 35 of the 40 defendants to be removed to cells below.

The alleged members of the leftist urban guerrilla group raised clenched fists, sang the Internationale, the hymn of international socialism, and called Santipachi a "buffoon" before paramilitary carabinieri police marched them away. After they left, Santipachi ordered a one-week adjournment as sought by the defense to study 100,000 pages of court documents. Prosecutors call the trial the most important legal battle against urban

guerrillas in postwar Italy.

"You're trying to erase five years of armed struggle in Italy ... That's impossible," shouted Mario Moretti, the reputed head of the Red Brigades Rome branch, who allegedly interrogated Moro during his 55 days of captivity in 1978. The start of the trial in a gymnasium converted into a courthouse along the Tiber River was delayed because of the breakdown of a metal detector at the main gate.

Under glaring television lights, the defendants, handcuffed and chained to one another, were led into a five-compartment 25-meter-long white, metal cage. Bullet-proof glass shields separated Antonio Savasta, a key prosecution witness, and other terrorists turned informants from the others.

Clad in casual pullovers, they smiled, smoked, chatted among themselves and

**50 saved from North Sea rig**

ABERDEEN, Scotland April 14 (AP) — Fifty men were evacuated by helicopter from a North Sea oil rig Wednesday after it drilled into a pocket of natural gas a mile beneath the seabed, a spokesman for the operators said.

A Phillips Petroleum spokesman said the news were evacuated to a nearby rig because of the danger of explosion. Another 32 employees, considered more essential to opera-

tions, remained aboard the Phillips rig, which was moved 600 feet away from the drilling area.

He said that although "the danger seems to have passed," the company would only resume drilling when there was no further evidence of rising gas.

But he denied a report by the British Coast Guard that described the accident as a "blow-out." "It was a momentary blow-back of drilling mud from the well bore, combined with a certain amount of gas that was discovered on the surface," he said. "It was what we call a kick, not a blow-out, which is an uncontrolled flow of oil or gas spouting out of a well."

The accident occurred while the semi-submersible mobile exploration rig Sedco 701, contracted to Phillips by its Dutch owners, Sea Drilling Netherlands NV, was drilling a development well in the Mauretan oilfield about 160 miles northeast of Aberdeen said.

The spokesman said the rig was drilling a development well when it hit a pocket of gas. Pressure in the well forced some of the gas to the surface, along with a quantity of lubricating mud before "blow-out preventers" — large valves lying on the seabed — were activated and the well was sealed off, he said.

He said there was no possibility of radioactive leakage outside the melting tank system.

## Spain Communists offered state post

OVIEDO, Spain April 14 (AFP) — Communists will participate in an autonomous government in Spain for the first time when a party member takes over the Transport Ministry in the principality of Asturias, sources said here Wednesday.

The Communists were offered the post by the Asturian branch of the Spanish Socialist Labor Party (PSOE), which holds a majority in the region, sources said. A final decision will be made Thursday after the Asturian Parliament elects a president.

The PSOE's national executive committee was against the move since it opposes an alliance with the Communists while the PSOE tries to present itself as moderate and progre-

sive. Recent polls have shown moderate voters leaning toward the Socialists for national legislative elections in March 1983.

The Socialists hold 24 seats in the Asturian Parliament, against seven for the Communists and 27 for the coalition of the government's Center Democratic Union (UCD) and the conservative Popular Alliance (AP).

Local leaders were trying to fight off the UCD-AP coalition, which they said could not govern the region. The Asturian Parliament was set up at the end of last year and consists of 30 members from different parties elected in the region and 28 others designated proportionally from their standings in regional elections, with such elections to be held next year.

## Adhere to NPT, S. Africa urged

PRETORIA, April 14 (AFP) — The United States government is continuing to press South Africa to adhere to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, the U.S. Department of State said in a statement issued Wednesday by the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria.

In the statement on the U.S. position on the question of nuclear fuel supply for South Africa the State Department said it believed such efforts were best served by a dialogue in a non-confrontational environment.

The department said the consistent U.S. position on the question of nuclear fuel supply for South Africa had been that "we would not be able to provide enriched uranium for the French-built Koeberg (near Cape Town) power reactors unless South Africa adhered to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and accepted IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) safeguards on all its nuclear facilities."

The statement added, "a decision on the part of other countries to supply the uranium, as well as a French decision to provide the fuel fabrication services, would be the sovereign prerogative of those countries."

## Soviets tell Japan to normalize ties

MOSCOW, April 14 (AFP) — The Soviet Communist Party paper *Pravda* Wednesday made a fresh appeal to Japan to normalize relations with the Soviet Union. It stressed the importance of giving a solid basis to Soviet-Japanese relations and suggested this could come through long-term economic and industrial cooperation agreements.

*Pravda* said the absence of such accords hampered the development of economic exchanges and recalled that Japan and the Soviet Union had common interests, notably the exploitation of Siberian mineral resources.

The article regretted the Japanese linkage of normalization with political questions, particularly the return of the Kurile Islands to Japan which Moscow has always opposed. *Pravda* recalled that Leonid Brezhnev had invited Japan to normalize relations with Moscow in a speech in Tashkent on March 25. He said the Soviet Union continued to favor good-neighborly relations and greater mutual cooperation with Japan.

## Duarte party seeks major power share

SAN SALVADOR, April 14 (Agencies) — Negotiations to form a new government in El Salvador have been blocked by demands from the centrist Christian Democrats for a major share of power.

Christian Democrat leaders told a press conference the party had rejected proposals for forming a coalition of national unity with rightist parties, who together won a majority of seats in elections last month for a Constituent Assembly. The elections were regarded by the U.S.-backed civilian-military government as a first step toward ending the civil war.

The government, bracing for possible violence, ordered the posting of guards outside the courthouse, after terrorists in speeding cars sprayed shotgun fire and buried grenades at a police bus outside the building Monday. Three officers were wounded in the attack which the Red Brigades said it made.

The area patrolled by hundreds of paramilitary carabinieri with submarine guns and bullet proof vests, and the courtroom was equipped with bulletproof windows and electronic surveillance devices.

The defendants, including nine still at large and being tried in absentia, were nearly all members of the Red Brigades' Rome branch. They were charged in a 70,000-page indictment with 17 homicides, 11 attempted homicides and four kidnappings committed between December 1976 and May 1980. With some 200 witnesses to be called, the trial was expected to last two months.

The focus of the trial will be the case against 23 defendants accused of murdering Moro's five bodyguards on March 16, 1978, kidnapping and holding Moro in a "people's prison" for 55 days and killing him on May 9.

The prosecution has built its case largely on the testimony of two "penitenti" — Penitent guerrillas — Antonio Savasta and Patrizio Peci.

Presiding Judge Santipachi was credited with the speedy handing of the trial of Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist sentenced to life imprisonment for shooting Pope John Paul II last year.

Meanwhile, the Christian Democrats called a national convention for next Saturday to discuss the situation. Prendes explained: "The country cannot wait much longer for a government, and the present crisis must be solved very soon."

## Amnesty asks Uganda to halt civilian massacre

LONDON, April 14 (AFP) — The human rights organization Amnesty International Wednesday called on the Ugandan government to halt what it called widespread killings of civilians by the army. Large-scale violation of human rights reported from the country included executions without trial, torture and killings of people in detention, and abductions, Amnesty said.

The organization said it had made a series of appeals to Ugandan President Milton Obote urging immediate government action to prevent abuses of human rights by the army and security forces.

The most recent appeal, on April 7, was made after Amnesty received detailed accounts of the murder in recent weeks of people arrested and taken by soldiers to Makindye military barracks in Kampala, and to prisons, police stations in the Kampala and Entebbe areas.

One report, which Amnesty said it had not yet been able to confirm at first hand, said

that more than 70 persons were killed at Katabi barracks, Entebbe, at the end of March, shortly after being rounded up. Their bodies were said to have been buried in a mass grave near the barracks.

Amnesty urged Obote last week to set up an independent commission of inquiry into human rights abuses and offered to provide information it has collected on killings and torture of people held in custody.

An Amnesty representative said there had been a series of contacts with Kampala, including a visit there in January by an Amnesty mission. "Despite this we are receiving more and more reports of people being killed, we have reports of starvation and overcrowding of prisoners," he added. "That is why we feel bound to make this appeal public."

The movement has also called on the Ugandan government to disclose the number and names of all those held without charge or trial, as well as the legal basis for their arrest, and to release anyone who is not to be prosecuted within a reasonable period.

## Solidarity radio ridiculed

WARSAW, April 14 (AP) — Poland's state-run press broke its silence Wednesday on this week's "Radio Solidarity" program, heaping scorn on the clandestine broadcast as a new bid to provoke confrontation.

Both the hard-line army daily *Soldier of Freedom* and the Communist Party daily *Trybuna Ludu* (people's tribune) took swipes at the program in the first official comment since the Monday night broadcast.

The Christian Democrat leaders said they had put forward counterproposals suggesting the formation of a three-man junta or the nomination of an independent as president. There was no immediate reaction from the right to the offer. Rightist leader Roberto d'Anhausser said earlier that basic agreement had been reached with the Christian Democrats on the formation of a coalition.

Meanwhile, the Christian Democrats called a national convention for next Saturday to discuss the situation. Prendes explained:

"The country cannot wait much longer for a government, and the present crisis must be solved very soon."

"It would be in order to raise a question now what do those of Radio Solidarity and their RFE sponsors expect, that something will start moving in Polish forests," the paper said, referring to rumors of a spring "uprising" it and other media have said are encouraged by RFE.

"Sure it will," the paper said mockingly. "The forests will turn green, and flowers will bloom...and mushrooms will grow. But do not count, gentlemen, on a return to the second half of the forties." The comment referred to resistance movements that existed after World War II and Poland's inclusion into the Soviet bloc.

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